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Study: Gays At Higher Risk For Drug Resistant Staph

SAN FRANCISCO, California (Observer Update)- A drug-resistant strain of potentially deadly bacteria has moved beyond the borders of U.S. hospitals and is being transmitted among Gay men during sex, researchers said on Monday (January14).

They said methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, or MRSA, is beginning to appear outside hospitals in San Francisco, Boston, New York and Los Angeles. Sexually active Gay men in San Francisco are 13 times more likely to be infected than their heterosexual neighbors, the researchers reported in the Annals of Internal Medicine.

"Once this reaches the general population, it will be truly unstoppable," said Binh Diep, a researcher at the University of California, San Francisco who led the study. "That's why we're trying to spread the message of prevention."

According to chemical analyses, bacteria are spreading among the Gay communities of San Francisco and Boston, the researchers said. "We think that it's spread through sexual activity," Diep said.

This superbug can cause life-threatening and disfiguring infections and can often only be treated with expensive, intravenous antibiotics. It killed about 19,000 Americans in 2005, most of them in hospitals, according to a report published in October 2007, in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

About 30 percent of all people carry ordinary staph chronically. It can be passed by touching other people or by depositing the bacteria on surfaces or objects. The bacteria can cause deep-tissue infections if they enter the body through a wound in the skin.

Of those people who carry staph, most carry it in their noses but community-based MRSA also can live in and around the anus and is passed between sexual partners.

Incidence of MRSA is rising along with the resurgence of syphilis, rectal gonorrhea, and new HIV infections partly because of changes in beliefs about the severity of HIV and an increase in risky behaviors, such as illicit drug use and having sex that abrades the skin, Diep's team wrote.

"Your likelihood of contracting each of these diseases increases with the number of sexual partners that you have," Diep said. "The same can probably be said for MRSA."

Staph infections often look like raised red dots on the skin. Left untreated, the areas can swell and fill with pus.

The best way to avoid infection is by washing the hands or genitals with soap and water, Diep said.

Latinos Proud To Be Out Of The Closet

WATSONVILLE, California - Olga Fuentes knew it would be tough, very tough. She feared that her 75-year-old Mexican immigrant mother, a devout Catholic, would not easily accept that her daughter is a Lesbian, reported register-pajaronian.com. But on November 29, while the pair made tamales in their kitchen, Fuentes revealed to her mother what was probably already known, at least subconsciously.

"My mom put her hand on my arm and told me, 'Whatever God makes, he makes it well,'" recalled Fuentes. "So now, after my mom, I feel like I can take on anything." It didn't take long for Fuentes, 36, to take the next big step. Just six weeks after coming out of the closet, she is organizing the inaugural meeting of Watsonville Latino Pride. The new group wants to build a sense of community for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Latinos, bringing comfort and acceptance to people who are living in the margin of not one, but two cultures that both strive for more visibility in the mainstream. "I feel the need to speak out, not just for myself, but for the Latino community," said Fuentes.

Gay Latinos in the Watsonville area don't currently enjoy the same freedom as those in havens like San Francisco, where they continue to break barriers, from forging political alliances with straight Latinos to marching openly in Cinco de Mayo parades. And young Gays are much more apt to be out of the closet just 15 miles north in Santa Cruz. Leaders of the largely white Gay community there applauded the efforts in Watsonville. "It's long overdue," said Jim Brown, executive director of the Diversity Center, a Gay community center in Santa Cruz. "White people in Santa Cruz already have the support from political leaders and community members. The Watsonville Pride group will fill a lot of need in the Latino community."

Currently, Fuentes said, small numbers of people get together in living rooms and clubs, but a safe, communal venue is lacking. "As Latinos, we're not stretching out (our) hand to say, 'It's okay,'" Fuentes said. All around Watsonville, a bilingual flyer decorated with rainbow colors is posted on walls, asking: "Would you like to be a part of pride?" It's not the first push of its kind in South County. The YWCA has led workshops for youth and parents. And for years, Maria Perez has been leading a grassroots movement to heal the tension between Gay and Latino identities, and to fight homophobia. She hosts the show "Closet-free Radio" on KZSC

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A HISTORICAL LANDMARK:
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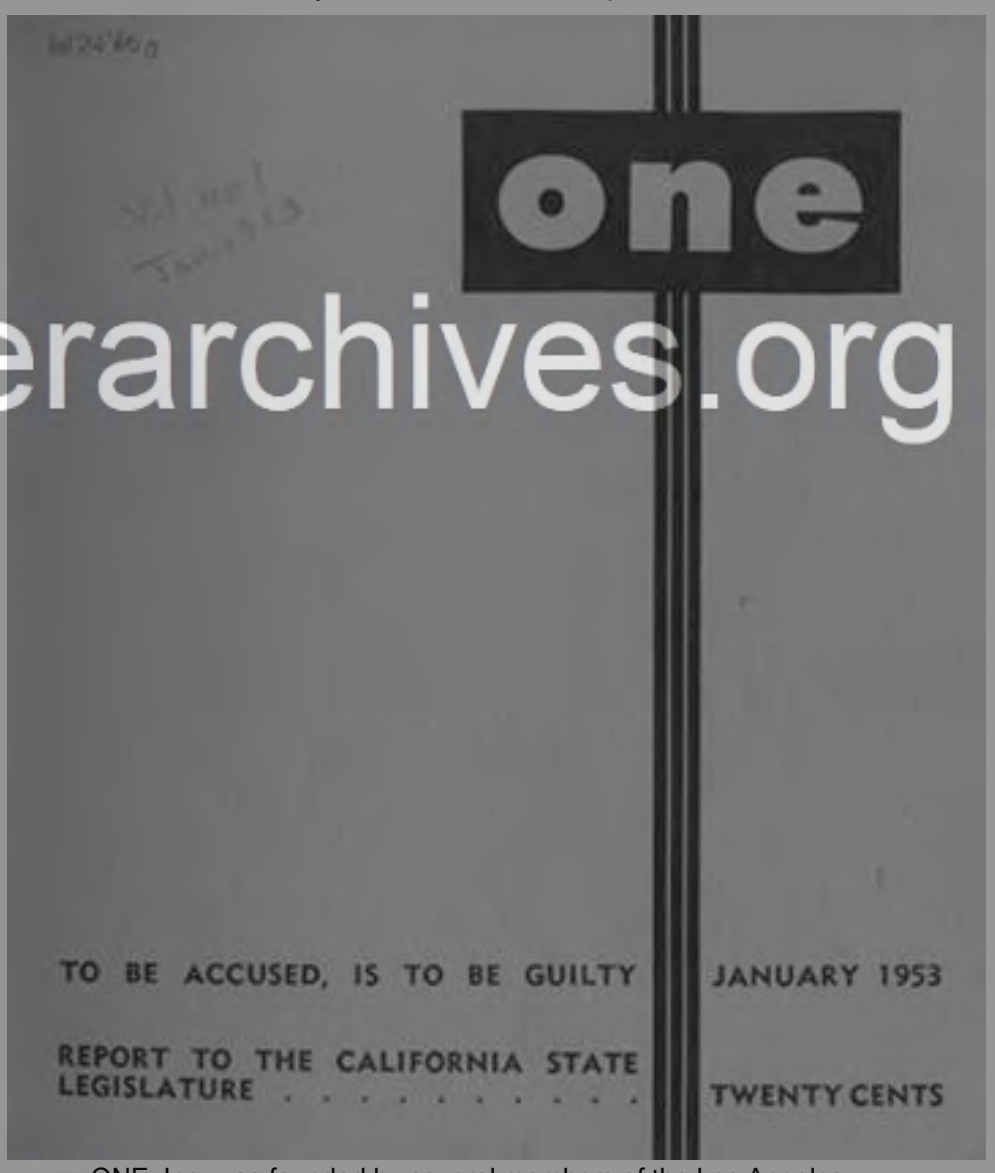
LOS ANGELES, California - Fifty years ago on January 13, 1958, the U.S. Supreme Court delivered its first ever pro-Gay ruling in ONE Inc. v. Olesen, a landmark decision that allowed a magazine for Gays and Lesbians to be sent through the U.S. mail, Jim Burroway of Box Turtle Bulletin reported.



ONE, Inc. was founded by several members of the Los Angeles Mattachine Society who felt that a strong nationwide voice for education and advocacy was desperately needed. According to ONE, Inc.'s articles of incorporation, "...the specific and primary purposes ... are to publish and disseminate a magazine dealing primarily with homosexuality from the scientific, historical and critical point of view, and to aid in the social integration and rehabilitation of the sexual variant." But this wasn't going to be just any magazine. Under the inaugural editorial leadership of Martin Block, Dale Jennings, Don Slater and Donald Webster Cory, ONE magazine was to be a first class product, a dramatic departure from the typewritten and mimeographed sheets which were more common at the time. So when ONE debuted in January 1953, it sported a very sophisticated look, with bold graphics and professional typset and design. ONE's slick offering quickly caught the attention Gays and Lesbians across the country, and circulation jumped to nearly 2,000 within a few months – with most subscribers paying extra to have their magazine delivered in an unmarked wrapper. Even still, ONE's survival depended on the day jobs of its few contributors who typically worked under multiple pen names to make the staff appear larger to readers – and sometimes to protect their own identities.

By today's standards, an early edition of ONE might look rather tame. There were no racy pictures, and even its fiction was mostly limited to depictions of longing and desire. There was rarely any evidence of physical contact in its pages. But what the magazine lacked in raciness, it made up for in audacity. ONE's editorial tone was bold and unapologetic, covering politics, civil rights, legal issues, police harassment (which was particularly harsh in ONE's home city of Los Angeles), employment and familial problems, and other social, philosophical, historical and psychological topics. And most importantly, ONE quickly became a voice for thousands of silent Gays and Lesbians across the U.S., many of whom wrote letters of deep gratitude to ONE's editors. But in a sign of those times, all letters to the editor were published anonymously – from "m" in Winston-Salem, North Carolina or from "f" in Beaumont, Texas.

ONE filled a very critical role for Gays and Lesbians during a very dark time. ONE's debut coincided with a major push to rid the U.S. civil service of homosexuals. President Dwight D. Eisenhower would sign Executive Order 10450 in April of that year, which barred Gays and Lesbians from federal employment with its "sexual

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UofA LGBT Affairs' Spring Welcoming Reception, Jan. 22

TUCSON - The Office of LGBTQ Affairs at The University of Arizona (UA) is pleased to invite you and yours to our Spring Welcoming Reception, Tuesday, January 22, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. at Wingspan.

The reception is for current and former LGBTQ and Allied University of Arizona students, staff, and faculty and their families. The LGBTQ Affairs office would appreciate an advance RSVP to cbusha@email.arizona.edu. With your RSVP, please include your name, mailing address, phone number, UA department/major and year graduated (if applicable).

The purpose of the reception is to welcome students, staff, and faculty back for the spring semester, provide an opportunity to network, and offer an overview of news and events of interest for the spring. We will also be discussing the new UA LGBTQ Alumni group that is forming, so UA alumni are strongly encouraged to attend.

Chuzapalooza January 25 - 27

TUCSON (Observer Update) - January in Tucson will get hotter when LGBT and straight supportive bowlers will gather in the Old Pueblo for the inaugural Chuzapalooza bowling tournament, January 25-27 at Santa Cruz Lanes, 3665 S. 16th Avenue.

Chuzapalooza is part of the IGBO (International Gay Bowling Organization) schedule of tournaments held by LGBT bowling leagues and associations throughout the country and globe, held throughout the calendar year.

For more information E-mail chuzapalooza@aol.com or call (520) 495-0143. The Chuzapalooza Tournament Directors are: Tournament Director - Kevin Wheeler; Tournament Co-Director - Dan Nunez; Tournament Co-Director - Dan "BG" Diffie; Tournament Secretary - Tim Lewis and Tournament Treasurer - David Laing.

Desert Voices Prepares For Auction February 9

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Desert Voices Chorus members are busy gathering wonderful items for our auction scheduled for February 9 at the Historic Y - and busy rehearsing for the cabaret, this year entitled "Come Out & Play."

Desert Voice's first parental guidance performance, it promises to be just naughty enough to tickle all of our funny bones. The doors to the Y will open at 6:00 p.m. for perusal of the auction tables. Tables will close at 7:30 with the entertainment to follow and there is ample seating for all. We are again offering stage-side tables seating 4/5. This is Desert Voices only fundraiser of the year, so come out and see what we have for sale, then enjoy chorus members at their best.

Tickets will go on sale at Antigones and are also available as well through our box office (520) 791-9662 and from any chorus member. Prices for this event are $30 (no discounts) which includes entrance to the auction, complimentary hors d'hoeuvres and spirits (beer, wine and champagne), and fun-filled entertainment from our chorus members. Desert Voices are down to the final month of the Jim Click Ford Mustang Raffle. The winning ticket will be drawn February 19. There are tickets for sale - $25 each or 5 tickets for $100. Where else will you have a chance to win a brand new car for $25?! Call the office at (520) 791-9662 (we accept mastercard and visa).

Wingspan Update

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Wingspan will be open limited hours, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m and 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. in honor of Martin Luther King on Monday January 21. . . .

Wingspan is looking for a dynamic leader with a passion for LGBT issues and community building. For more information, go online to wingspan.org/content/com_jobs_edsearch.php. ...

Wingspan will be closed on Saturday January 19th to honor the incredible team of volunteers, board members & staff who make Wingspan the fantastic LGBT community center that it is! If you are an active Wingspan volunteer, please feel free to join us as we pay tribute to YOU - our fantastic volunteers - at our annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic! Join us Saturday January 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Reid Park Ramada #15 (Enter on Country Club near the rose garden). Please RSVP to Luanne: (520) 624-1779, X119 or email: luanne@wingspan.org.

Tu B'Shevat Shabbat Dinner., January 18

TUCSON - The LGBT Jewish Inclusion Project invites you to a Fruit & Nut Shabbat Dinner in honor of the holiday of Tu B'shevat, also known as the "birthday of the trees". The literal meaning is the 15th day of the month of Shevat according to the Hebrew calendar.

In the 16th century, Jewish mystics developed the day as a mystical holiday celebrating the divine life force. A Passover-like Seder was created where laws and traditions related to trees and fruit are celebrated and discussed. The Seder is a way to appreciate the world around us and our responsibility to care for nature.

Join the Project Friday, January 18, 7:00 p.m. for food, wine, and blessings. Call or email Jenny for more info on what kind of fruit & nuts you can bring to this wonderful event. All are welcome to attend! For more information, contact Jenny Schultz (520) 577-9393, E-mail: lgbtinfo@jfsa.org.

'For The Bible Tells Me So' January 17

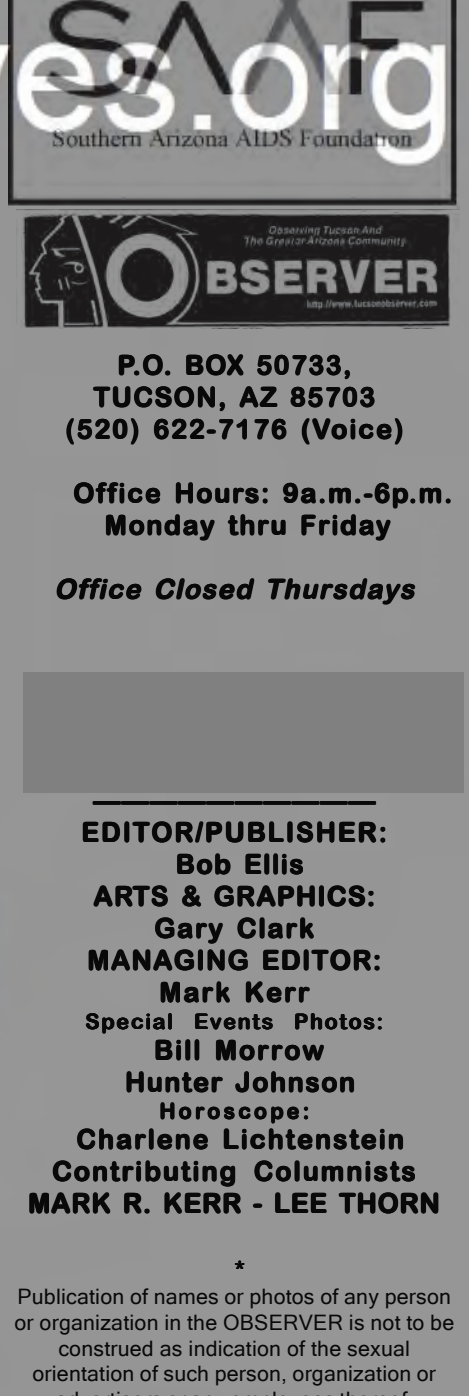
TUCSON (Observer Update) - Wingspan Reel Pride presents the critically-acclaimed documentary "For the Bible Tells Me So", an insightful and moving look at homosexuality and Christianity. Sponsored by The Men's Social Network, the film opens Friday, January 18.

Shortlisted for the 2007 Best Documentary Feature Academy Award, "Daniel G. Karslake's remarkable documentary boldly takes on a loaded topic – Christianity and homosexuality – and examines it both intellectually and emotionally; the result may well leave you blinking away a few tears." - Moira Macdonald, Seattle Times Can the love between two people ever be an abomination? Is the chasm separating gays and lesbians and Christianity too wide to cross? Is the Bible an excuse to hate?

Winner of the Audience Award for Best Documentary at the Seattle International Film Festival, this provocative, entertaining documentary brilliantly reconciles homosexuality and Biblical scripture, and in the process reveals that Church-sanctioned anti-gay bias is based almost solely upon a significant (and often malicious) misinterpretation of the Bible. As the film notes, most Christians live their lives today without feeling obliged to kill anyone who works on the Sabbath or eats shrimp (as a literal reading of scripture dictates).

Through the experiences of five very normal, very Christian, very American families–including those of former House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt and Episcopalian Bishop Gene Robinson–we discover how insightful people of faith handle the realization of having a gay child. Informed by such respected voices as Bishop Desmond Tutu, Harvard's Peter Gomes, Orthodox Rabbi Steve Greenberg and Reverend Jimmy Creech, "For the Bible Tells Me So" offers healing, clarity and understanding to anyone caught in the crosshairs of scripture and sexual identity.

For more information, call (520) 795-0844 or visit loftcinema.com for showtimes and more information.



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Voting In Arizona's Presidential Primary Has Begun

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Voting has begun for Arizona's 2008 Presidential Preference election.

Along with 22 other states, Arizona will hold their presidential primary on Tuesday, February 5.

A separate early ballot request must be made for each person eligible to vote (in this case with the Democratic or Republican parties by January 7). Place your voted early ballot in the postage paid envelope provided to you, seal and sign the envelope, then return it to us by doing one of the following: Mail to Pima County Recorder, P.O. Box 3145, Tucson AZ 85702-3145; Deliver in person to 115 North Church Avenue or drop it off at any Pima County polling place on election day. You must sign the ballot envelope in order for your ballot to be processed. Ballots must be returned by 7:00 PM on election day.

For more information, call (520) 740-4330 or go online to recorder.pima.gov/earlyreq.aspx. To vote early, one can request their ballot online at recorder.pima.gov/earlyballot/default.aspx, by phone (520) 740-4330 or by mail to Pima County Recorder, P.O. Box 3145, Tucson AZ 85702-3145.

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Reveille Starting Rehearsals For Next Production

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Reveille Men's Chorus already started its rehearsals for the spring production "Dim Sum and Then Some: A Foreign Affair," and if you are interested in becoming a singing member or a volunteer, there is no better time to join.

Auditions are a very simple process. You can call (520) 304-1758 for more information or just show up at the rehearsal. Rehearsals are held every Thursdays at the Historic Y (300 E University Blvd) from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. According to Linus Lerner, Reveille's Artistic Director, the spring show will be the biggest production Reveille ever put together. It will evolve performances of various ethnic groups from the community, representing about 15 countries to promote human rights and diversity, major goals of Reveille's mission.

Other major goals of Reveille this spring are: Recording of their 4th CD "Beyond the Border;" A trip to Brazil to open the biggest Pride Parade in the world; A trip to Mexico to participate in the International Aids Conference; Performance at the GALA festival in Miami; Plus various outreach performances in Tucson and neighbor cities. Reveille is a nonprofit organization that performs worldwide to promote human rights, diversity and a world free from Aids. Reveille is definitely changing lives through music and wants you to be part of this amazing experience.

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Police And Gays Struggle To Fiind Motive In Brutal Slaying

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico - A 33-year old man is charged with murder in the brutal killing of Patrick Murphy regarded by most in Albuquerque's LGBT community as a drag icon, reported 365Gay.com. Police allege that Dana Madsen shot Murphy three times in the head. He was arrested shortly after calling police to report a shooting inside his apartment. Madsen is behind held in lieu of $1 million cash or surety bond.

Investigators say that Madsen was relatively new in Albuquerque. He once faced attempted murder charges in El Paso. Under questioning Madsen admitted shooting Murphy several times in the head - the last time to "put her out of her misery" because she was laying on the ground screaming and shaking. Madsen told police that before he fired the final shot Murphy had called him an "ass."

Madsen claims that Murphy had a pocket knife and threatened to kill him in his sleep, something police and people who knew Murphy disbelieve. The two had met at Sidewinders, a local Gay bar, weeks earlier. Locals told the Tribune newspaper that Madsen regularly wore a cowboy hat to the bar and talked about riding bulls. He was attracted to drag queens at the club patrons told the paper. The day of the killing the two were said to have been in bad moods. They shared a drink and left together. It was the last time anyone saw the 39-year old Murphy alive.

Murphy, who was 5-foot-three, is described as a captivating performer who could command the attention of the whole bar with a performance as Diana Ross. Murphy performed under the stage name Patricia. Last year Murphy won title of Miss New Mexico Gay Rodeo Association. "She was an icon in the community," Sidewinders assistant manager Wade Kuenzi told the Tribune ."Everyone knew Patricia."

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88.1 and last year, helped found the group Lideres Lesbianas Latinas, or Latina Lesbian Leaders.

Role models like Perez have made it easier for young people to come out. Her confidence quickly rubbed off on Fuentes, who told her mother about her sexual orientation just one week after meeting Perez. "We all know there is one person in every family, but there is a lot of secrecy – everyone knows, but no one talks," said Perez. "It causes a lot of turmoil and suffering. Watsonville Pride will bring the possibility of being visible and being seen as a human being with human rights." As an example, Perez explains how many Latinos who die of HIV/AIDS bring shame to the community and break up families. They are brutally ostracized within a culture that's supposed to be built on its strong family values, she said. "We have a lot of compassion," Perez insists. "It's time to say: Enough with the secrets!"

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Arizona To Consider Extending DP Benefits

By Mark R. Kerr

PHOENIX (Observer Update) - Arizona's Department of Administration is in the process of taking steps to potentially offer health benefits to the domestic partners, both same or opposite sex, and their children of state employees, applying to all state employees.

The public will have an opportunity to comment before the matter is taken up by the Governor's Regulatory Review Council, made up of a six-member board appointed by the governor, will have final say on the domestic partners plan. Created by Executive Order in May 1981, the Governor's Regulatory Review Council is composed of six members, the Council is chaired by the Director of the Department of Administration or designee, who serves ex-officio. For most agencies, the Council is the final step in the rule making process. The Council reviews most rules to ensure that they are necessary and to avoid duplication and adverse impact on the public. The Council assesses whether a rule is clear, concise, and understandable, legal, consistent with legislative intent and within the agency's statutory authority, and whether the benefits of a rule outweigh the cost. If a rule does not meet these criteria, the Council returns it to the agency for further consideration.

More than 1,000 Arizonans on both sides of the issue filed comments about the proposal by Gov. Janet Napolitano's administration, according to Alan Ecker, spokesman for the Department of Administration.
One of those came from Tucson City Councilman Steve Leal, who said the existing policy is unfair to "unmarried workers, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people who are not afforded the same access to benefits as other state employees."

It's is expected that the review could take place by March. People wanting to comment in writing can submit items (under A.R.S. 41-1052) to Governor's Regulatory Review Council, 100 N.15th Ave., Ste. 402, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. If one wishes to comment in person, they must attend the meeting and give their comments.

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Salt Lake Mulls Partner Registry

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (Observer Update) - Mayor Ralph Becker is wasting no time making good on a campaign promise. In his first official action as mayor he has proposed a domestic partner registry for same-sex couples and for opposite-sex couples who cannot or chose not to marry.

The measure will be voted on by city council on January 22. Despite being the home to the Mormon Church and in one of the nation's most conservative states, Salt Lake tends to lean left and a majority on city council say they will support the plan. A number of councilors worked on the wording of the ordinance with Becker to make sure it complies with Utah's constitutional ban on same-sex marriage. Much of the bill's language was taken from the 2006 ordinance extending insurance benefits to adult designees of city workers. That measure already has passed judicial scrutiny.

A spokesperson for the mayor also says that the bill conforms with Utah state law granting cities the power to "preserve the health and promote the prosperity, improve the morals, peace and good order, comfort and convenience of the city and its inhabitants." Nevertheless, some state legislators say if the bill is passed they will scrutinize it to be sure it does not violate the constitutional amendment.

"I just have to be certain we're not coming in the back door of the amendment," Sen. Chris Buttars (R) told the Salt Lake Tribune. Buttars, the prime backer of the amendment, was one of the most vocal opponents of the 2006 ordinance on domestic partner insurance for city workers. Buttars also attempted to get a ban on Gay adoption through the legislature.

The registry would be open to adult unmarried couples who live together in an interdependent relationship. They would register with the City Recorder's Office and receive a certificate. Becker said that the certificate could be used to affirm a relationship to be eligible for domestic partner health insurance at companies that officer such plans. Registered couples also would have visitation rights at city hospitals when a partner is ill and it would give partners family rights at facilities operated by the city.

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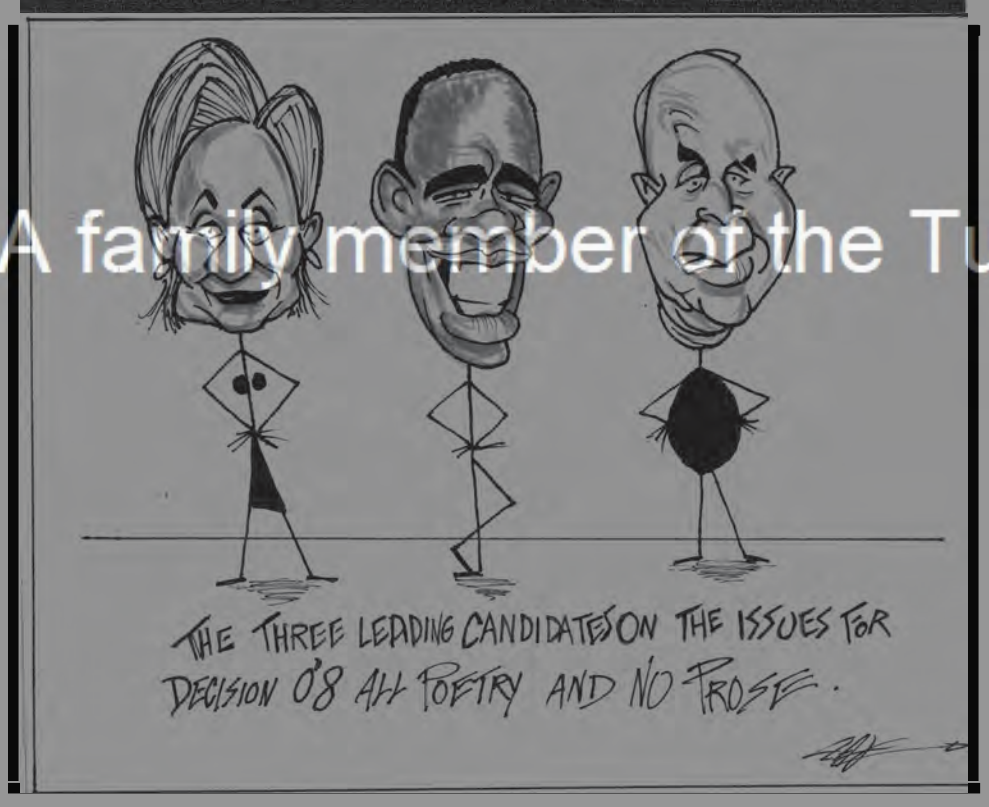

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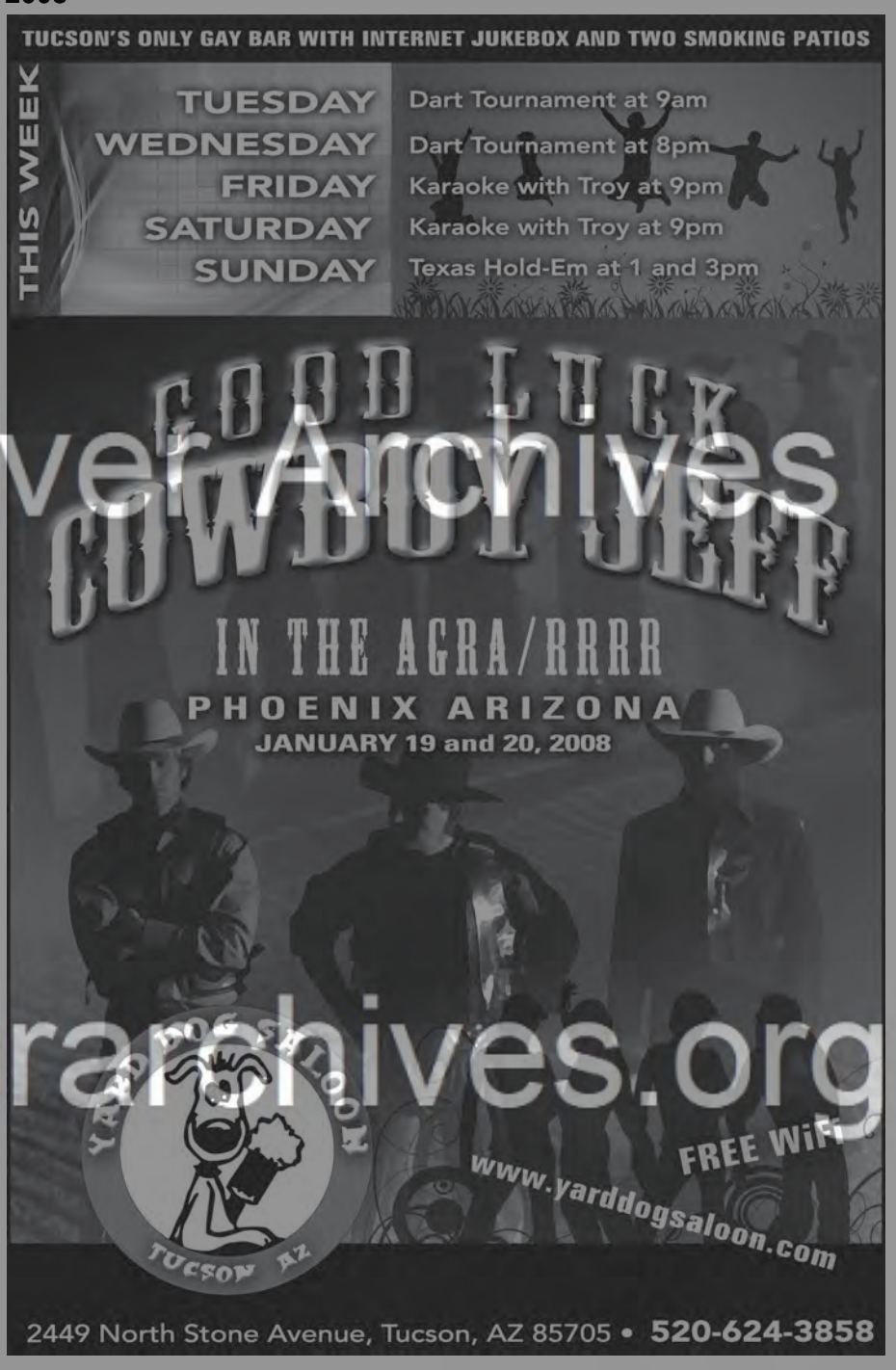

Credit Freeze Can Freeze Out Identity Thieves

WEST HOLLYWOOD, California (Observer Update) - Rob is, by his own description, a cautious gay man when it comes to his personal data, reported gfn.com. An avid news hound, the West Hollywood resident was well aware of the dangers of identity theft, even knew that theft of personal data was way up from last year, when it was mentioned to him for this story.

In fact, the incidence of identity theft tripled since 2006. More than 162 million records have been reported lost or stolen in 2007, triple the 49.7 million that went missing in 2006, according to USATODAY's analysis of data losses reported over the past two years.

Which is why Rob is so cautious about giving out his personal information, credit card number and social security number on almost any form except his tax returns. "Even my doctor asks for my social security number; I know it's not necessary, so I don't give it," Rob said.

"I don't shop on any merchant site unless I know them, and even then, I read reviews of any site before I do business with them," said the licensed cosmetologist.

Despite his cautious nature, Rob (who asked that his last name not be revealed for this article), Rob received a letter from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for Professional Licensure with the following ominous greeting:

"[We] regret to inform you that your social security number [was] inadvertently included on computer disks sent to individuals requesting information about the Department of Professional Licensure. It appears the disks included social security numbers and names..."

While the disks were subsequently recovered, or so claimed the letter, and they didn't believe his information was compromised, they suggested Rob place fraud alerts with the three big credit reporting agencies (more on that below).

Weeks after the incident, Rob says he's incredulous that this could happen so easily and randomly. "It makes you a little paranoid," said Rob, who now lives in Los Angeles, but had his cosmetology license issued in the state of Massachusetts, where he grew up, back in 1990. "It made me realize, any confidential material, no matter what you sign, may end up compromised one way or another."

While it's little consolation, Rob is hardly alone.

Last year, news stories written about data losses included 98 companies, 85 schools, 80 government agencies and 39 hospitals and clinics, according to tech security Website Attrition.org

The letter Rob received suggested he place fraud alerts with the credit reporting agencies, Equifax, Experian, and Transunion. So while the letter assured him that his personal information had been retrieved and said to be secure again, his concerns were hardly allayed.

"Just getting the letter and suggesting I contact the credit reports didn't instill any confidence that this kind of thing wouldn't happen again," said the cosmetologist. "I called all three reporting agencies, then I logged online, as they instructed, and put up three 90-day credit alerts. The awful part is, even as I filled out their forms, I felt unsure. After this incident, I didn't feel an overwhelming sense of confidence going to their Website, knowing all my information was going off into cyberspace."

A credit freeze bars anyone from having access to your credit report and credit score without your permission, which means identity thieves will have a tough time opening an account in your name. Even if they know your name, date of birth, and Social Security number, lenders generally won't issue new credit without first seeing a credit report.

To put a freeze on your file, you'll have to send a certified letter to each of the three major credit bureaus: Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion, or this can be done online. In most states, the service is free for identity-theft victims who provide a police report or a copy of a warning letter, similar to the one Rob received. Otherwise, you'll pay about $10 at each credit bureau, unless your state mandates a lower fee.

While the freezes are effective, they are a pain in the rear if you're shopping for a mortgage, auto loan, insurance, or a new credit card. That's because you'll have to temporarily lift the freeze using a pin code each time you apply for a new line of credit. Companies you already do business with, though, can still access your report; the freeze only affects new lines of credit.

To check freeze fees in your state and get instructions on how to place a credit freeze, go to consumersunion.org/securityfreeze.htm.

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perversion" clause. This followed a highly-publicized purge of more than 400 Gays and Lesbians from the civil service some three years earlier. Homosexuality was criminalized in every states, and it was stigmatized as a mental illness by the psychiatric profession. Gays were not only denounced as security risks, but risks to the very moral fiber of the nation. Homosexuals were treated as subversives, on par with the "Communist menace" on which leading politicians were staking their career. The FBI had launched a major crackdown on homosexuality across the U.S., with many Gays and Lesbians losing their jobs for merely receiving homophile publications in the mail. And vice squads everywhere were setting up entrapment stings in bars and other meeting places, where a simple proposition or touch could lead to arrest and public exposure.

So when ONE caught the eye of the FBI, they immediately launched an investigation to try to shut it down. They went so far as to write to the employers of ONE's editors and writers (they all depended on their day jobs for income), saying that their employees were "deviants" and "security risks." Fortunately, no one lost their jobs, the FBI decided it wasn't worth their time, and ONE continued publishing. The job of shutting down ONE then fell to the U.S. Post Office. Since its inception, Los Angeles postal authorities vetted each issue before deciding whether it was legal to ship under the Post Office's stringent anti-obscenity standards. And since homosexuality was illegal in most states, ONE had the added problem of possibly being guilty of promoting criminal activity. The Post Office finally acted in August 1953, holding up that month's issue for three weeks while deciding if it violated federal laws. (Ironically, the cover story for that issue was on "homosexual marriage," an issue that is still contentious more than fifty years later.) Finally, officials in Washington decided the magazine didn't violate federal laws and ordered the LA Post Office to release it for shipment.

ONE, true to its aggressive stance, reacted defiantly to that move in its October issue by proclaiming in an editorial printed on the cover, "ONE is not grateful": Your August issue is late because the postal authorities in Washington and Los Angeles had it under a microscope. They studied it carefully from the 2nd until the 18th of September and finally decided that there was nothing obscene, lewd or lascivious in it. They allowed it to continue on its way. We have been found suitable for mailing. …But one point must be made very clear. ONE is not grateful. ONE thanks no one for this reluctant acceptance. It is true that this decision is historic. Never before has a governmental agency of this size admitted that homosexuals not only have legal rights but might have respectable motives as well. The admission is welcome, but it's tardy and far from enough. As we sit around quietly like nice little ladies and gentlemen gradually educating the public and the courts at our leisure, thousands of homosexuals are being unjustly arrested, blackmailed, fined, jailed, intimidated, beaten, ruined and murdered. ONE's victory might seem big and historic as you read of it in the comfort of your home (locked in the bathroom? hidden under a stack of other magazines? sealed first class?). But the deviate hearing of our late August issue through jail bars will not be overly impressed.

ONE's editors knew they weren't in the clear, but they didn't know where their next threat would come from. That threat, it appears, may have come from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Alexander Wiley (R-WI), who wrote a letter of protest to U.S. Postmaster General Aurthur Summerfield. Having run across the March 1954 issue (the cover story was "The Importance of Being Different") Sen. Wiley registered a "vigorous protest against the use of the United States mails to transmit a so-called 'magazine' devoted to the advancement of sexual perversions." Allowing a homosexual magazine to operate, he wrote, "(a) runs utterly contrary to every moral principle, (b) runs utterly contrary to our intentions to safeguard our nation's youngsters, (c) likewise, it is the very opposite of the entire purpose of our governmental security program…"

The particulars of this action wasn't known by ONE's editors. But as defiant as ONE was in the October 1953 issue, they knew that the threat of closure due to censorship still loomed large – that is, if finances and distribution problems didn't get to them first. Financial pressures forced them to skip the August and September 1954 issues and they had to extend everyone's subscriptions by two months. To try to avoid future legal problems, ONE's editors asked Eric Jubler, their young straight lawyer fresh out of law school, to write a set of rules for the staff to follow in the hopes of staying out of trouble. When readers began to complain that ONE was too tame, the editors asked Jubler to print his rules in the returning October 1954 issue with a cover declaring, "You Can't Print It!" Those rules prohibited: (1) Lonely hearts ads, seeking pen pals or meetings. (2) "Cheesecake" art or photos. To readers who ask, "But how about all the girlie magazines?" I can only reply that in our society, visual stimulation of man by woman is tolerated to a far greater extent than attempted visual stimulation of man by man, for what is in law a criminal purpose. (3) Descriptions of sexual acts, or the preliminaries thereto. Again here, what is permissible in heterosexual literature is not permissible in ONE's context. (4) Descriptions of experiences which become too explicit. I.e., permissible: "John was my friend for a year." Not permissible: "That night we made mad love." (5) Descriptions of homosexuality as a practice which the author encourages in others, or waxes too enthusiastic about. (6) Fiction with too much physical contact between the characters. I.e., characters cannot rub knees, feel thighs, hold hands, soap backs, or undress before one another. (All examples taken from recent contributions).

Jubler also insisted that he review each issue before it was sent to the publisher. But all this failed to keep ONE out of trouble – maybe because Jubler didn't strictly enforce his own rules, allowing the October 1954 issue to be arguably the raciest to date. The very same issue which ran Jubler's rules also featured a fictional short story called "Sappho Remembered," in which two young lovers touched four times, declared their love for each other, and the story had a happy ending. Another feature, a poem, made light of the arrest of several British public figures (including actor John Gielgfud) on "morals" charges ("Lord Samuel is a legal peer / (While real are Monty's curls!) / Some peers are seers but some are queers / And some boys WILL be girls."). And there were two ads – one for a Swedish magazine (which, postal officials charged, meant that ONE was advertising "obscene

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materials") and another for men's pajamas and intimate wear. That was enough for the Los Angeles Post Office to seize that issue – the one with "You Can't Print It!" on the cover – and charge the editors with violating the 1873 Comstock Act, which prohibited sending "obscene, lewd, and/or lascivious" material through the mail.

The editors were eager to sue the Post Office, but ONE's financial condition was so perilous that they held off for nearly a year. Jubler took the case for free and looked for help from the ACLU, but they wouldn't touch it – the ACLU was still defending anti-sodomy laws at the time. Finally it was up to young Jubler alone to argue ONE's case in federal district court that the magazine was educational and not pornographic. It didn't go well. The judge ruled for the Post Office in March 1956, and the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals agreed in February 1957, calling ONE "morally depraving and debasing" and saying that the magazine "has a primary purpose of exciting lust, lewd and lascivious thoughts and sensual desires in the minds of persons reading it."

ONE then took its case to the U.S. Supreme Court. To everyone's surprise, the Court agreed to take the case, its first ever dealing with homosexuality. Even more surprising, the Supreme Court issued its short, one-sentence decision on January 13, 1958 without hearing oral arguments. That decision not only overturned the two lower courts, but the Court expanded the First Amendment's free speech and press freedoms by effectively limiting the power of the Comstock Act to interfere with the written word. As a result, Lesbian and Gay publications could be mailed without legal repercussions, though many continued to experience harassment from the Post Office and U.S. Customs.

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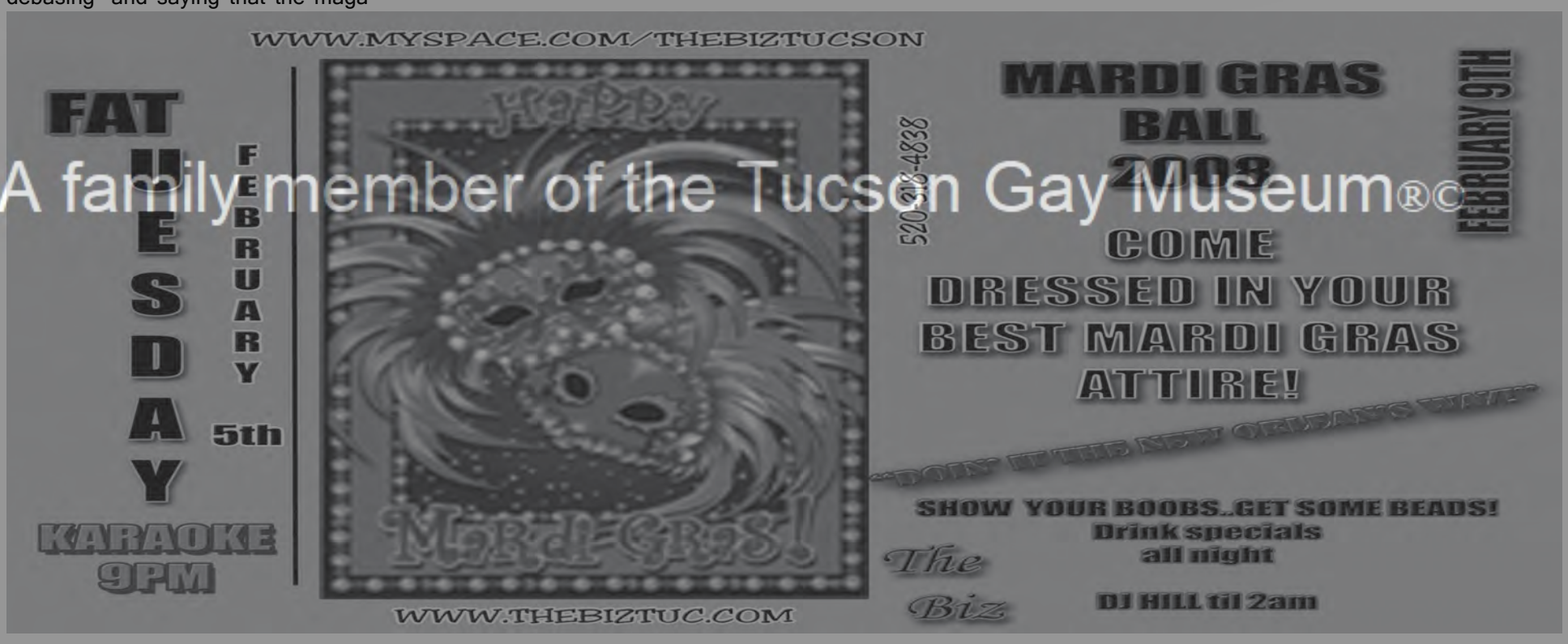
Editor Don Slater celebrated the ONE decision in the February 1958 issue: By winning this decision ONE Magazine has made not only history but law as well and has changed the future for all U. S. homosexuals. Never before have homosexuals claimed their right as citizens. Not even the Berdache, nor the Greeks, nor the Napoleonic Code, nor Wolfenden "recommendations," nor The American Law Institute "recommendations" have managed to mean so much to so many. ONE Magazine no longer asks for the right to be heard; it now exercises that right. It further requires that homosexuals be treated as a proper part of society free to discuss and educate and propagandize their beliefs with no greater limitations than for any other group. ...The New York Times has this to say about the decision: "The court today reversed a post office ban on a magazine, One, which deals with homosexuality. The petition for review filed by the lawyer, Eric Julber of Los Angeles, had apparently raised only one question: was the magazine 'obscene' within the statute banning importation of obscene matter? The court's order appeared to answer: No."

True to its educational mission, ONE, Inc founded the One Institute as an educational arm in 1956. In 1958, the ONE Institute Quarterly became the first academic journal on Gay and Lesbian studies in America. ONE magazine's last issue was in 1967 following a very long and acrimonious split in ONE, Inc.'s governing board. Today, the ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives houses the world's largest research library on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender history near the main campus of the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.



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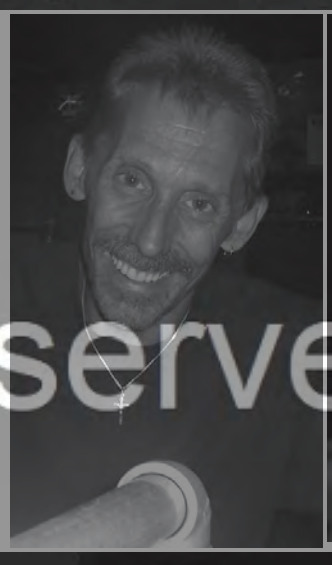

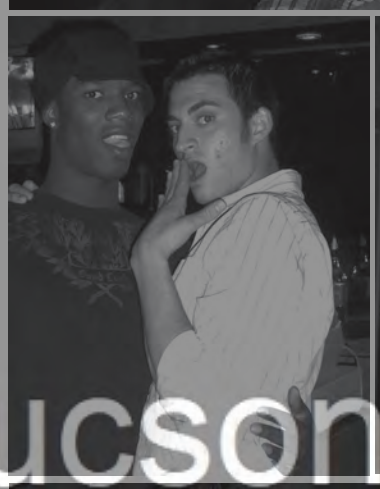

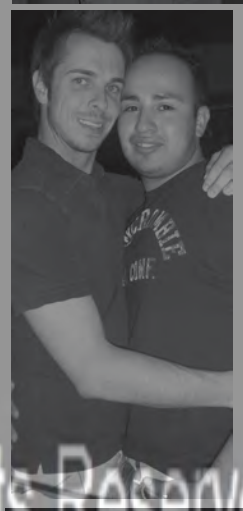

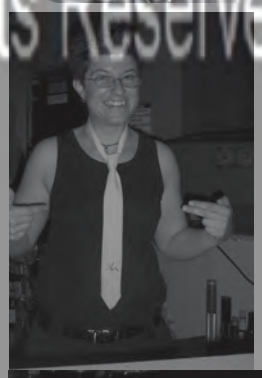

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POLITICS 2008

by Mark R. Kerr

'Forty Eight, Part Deux'

On Monday, January 14, Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano delivered her sixth annual State of the State address before state Senators, state Representatives and guests at dysfunction junction, also known as the Arizona Legislature, located at 1700 West Washington.

With Arizona's economy in the proverbial toilet, Governor Napolitano presented her well thought out, sound proposals to deal with the budget deficit by borrowing for school construction, take monies from the "rainy day" fund and keep the agreed upon state budget intact to keep the Grand Canyon state going forward.

On the other hand, the Republican controlled Arizona Legislature is proposing massive budget cuts and making permanent the tax cuts to those making the highest income to the pending problem.

Whom are they fooling, since they can't come to a consensus with Governor Janet Napolitano on the, still pending, federal court case ruling on teaching English in public schools, resulting in potential, multimillion dollar daily fines for the taxpayer's to foot the bill if not resolved or even agreeing to a state budget.

So on with the fun and games from the gang of ninety, all of which are up for consideration by the voters in this election year. With that, legislation, from the ridiculous to the nonsensical has and will be introduced, rammed through both chambers while sensible measures will still wait to see the "legislative light of day."

As of press time, a total of 330 bills, memorials, concurrent resolutions, joint resolutions and concurrent memorials have been submitted by state legislators, as of press time, with the potential of more being introduced before the legislative deadlines (Monday, February 4 for the Arizona Senate and Monday, February 11 for the Arizona House).

HB (House Bill) 2002 - employment discrimination; prohibition. This proposed legislation would prohibit discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation and gender identity in the entire state.

If approved Arizona would join 13 other states and the District of Columbia with policies prohibiting both sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination in employment: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Iowa, Illinois, Maine, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington in the public and private sector.

However, Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York and Wisconsin have state laws that prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation only.

HB 2002 has been first read and assigned to the House Judiciary Committee and then the House Rules Committee if approved by the Judiciary Committee.

So to take action, call your state Representative, toll-free, (800) 352-8404 and let them know of your support for the masure. If you don't know who your state legislators are, go online to eqfed.org/ahrf/leg-lookup/search.html.

Favorite Books Of The New Queerlenium

The GLBT Services Committee was established in 1997 to better serve southern Arizona's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender library users. It seeks to fulfill this mission by creating exciting programs such as GLBT author visits, and through participation at various outreach events such as OUToberFEST and Tucson's annual Pride Parade.

On a daily basis they review, order and make GLBT materials available for all PCPL users, regardless of age, location or sexual orientation.

The Pima County Public Library's (PCPL) GLBT Services Committee is dedicated to upholding the library's Mission Statement as well as the Library Users Bill of Rights for all of our customers.

PCPL is one of the few public libraries in the country to have an established GLBT Services Committee. I's an exciting time for GLBT-themed publishing.

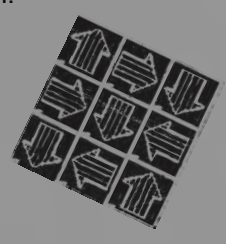
More and more books reflecting the strength, experience and vision of GLBT people appear on the shelves of book stores and libraries. The Pima County Public Library's GLBT Services Committee are proud to offer our favorite recent books that are by and about GLBT people. We hope this offering inspires you to read one or more of these marvelous books

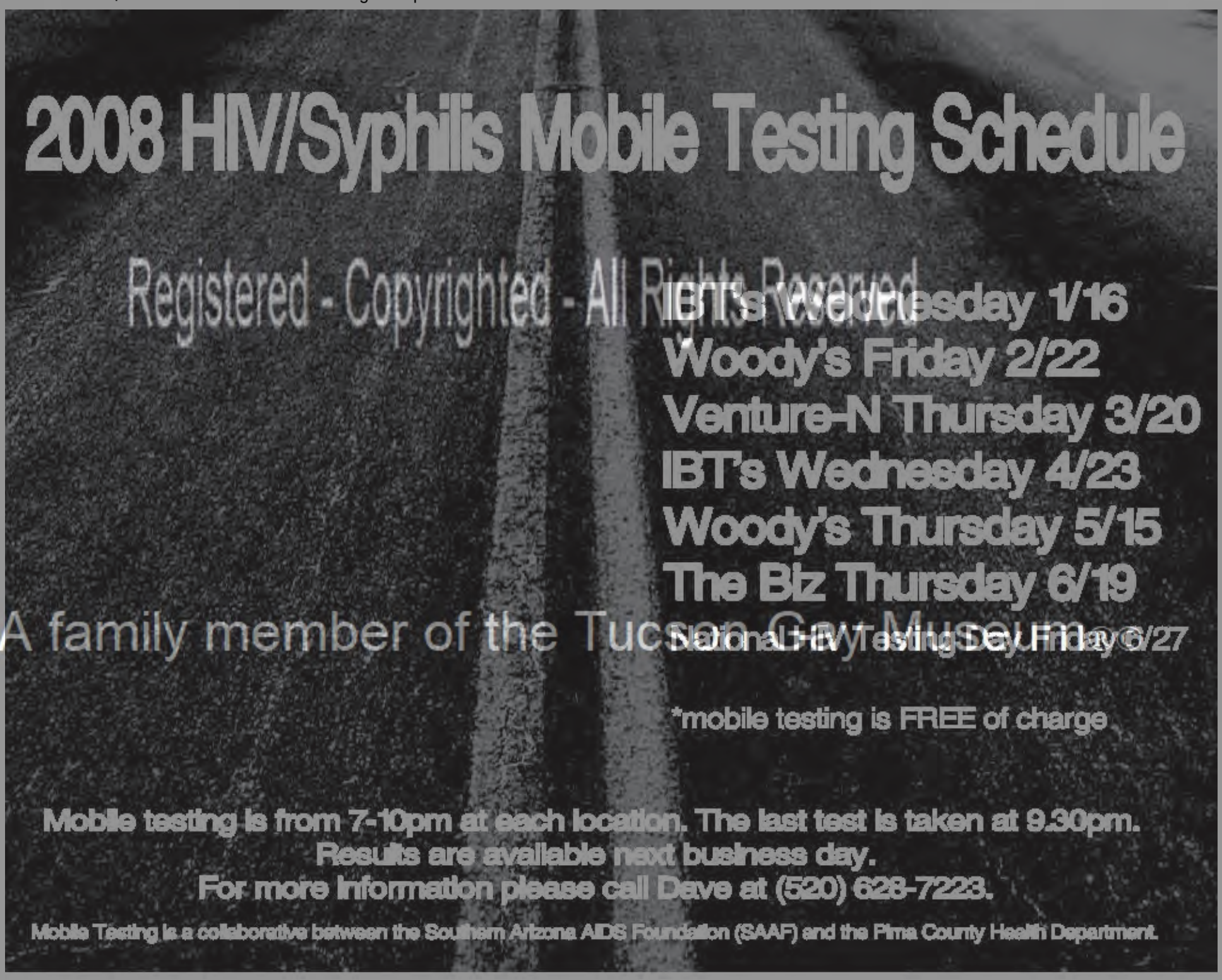
Baby Bebop Block, Francesca Lia (HarperCollins). Dirk's story is a magical prequel to Weetzie Bat. Dirk MacDonald, a sixteen-year-old boy living in Los Angeles, comes to terms with being Gay after he receives surreal storytelling visitations from his dead father and great-grandmother.

Dare Truth or Promise Boock, Paula (Houghton). Louie wants to be a lawyer and Willa wants to be a chef , but when they first meet as employees at a fast-food restaurant, they fall in love. Louie's mother is suspicious and catches the girls in bed. Louie comes to accept her love for Willa but not without tremendous agony, anorexia and a car accident. I followed Boock's characters from room to room and from emotion to explosion. She is a vibrant realistic writer, and the book was hard to put down.

The Perks of Being a Wallflower Chbosky, Stephen (Pocket). A Gay character is part of the mix in this darkly funny, explicit novel. It's about a precocious but naive and cautious 15-year-old who tries to come to terms with a dreadful part of his past and discover who he is by breaking away from the "old him."

For more information, visit your local Pima County library or go online to tppl.org/community/glbt/index.cfm.





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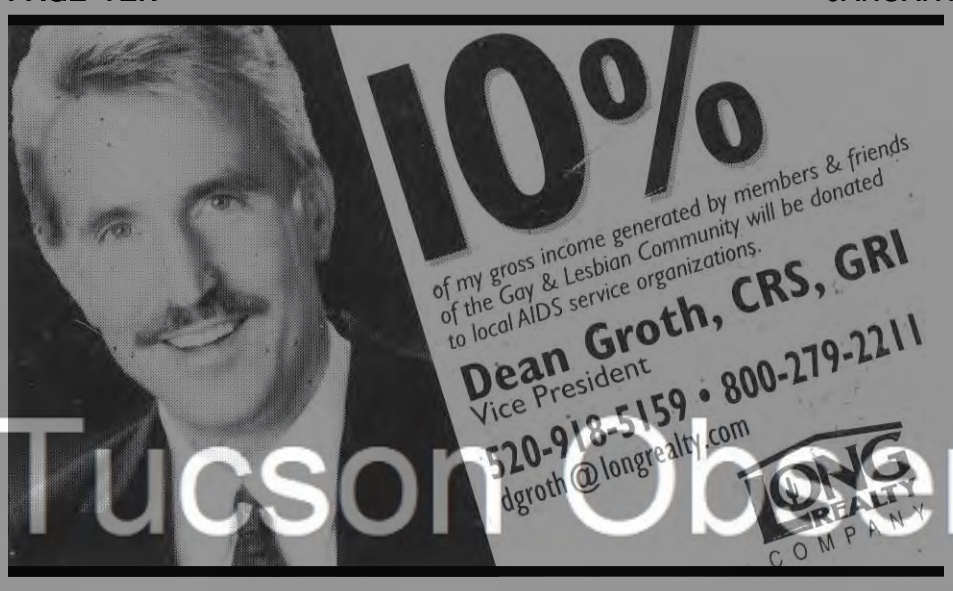

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Retro Saturn trines lucky Jupiter and lifts us out of our apres holiday funk. No matter how stressful things become or how hopeless they appear, it looks like there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Let's hope it's not the oncoming train.

ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)
You have been putting up with too much agita at work. But the corporate landscape appears to be changing. The powers-that-be are beginning to give you credit where credit is due. Saturn trines Jupiter and makes all your moves brilliant ones. At least they appear to be so this week. Proud Rams are ready to take the next step. Watch where you step however. Squoosh...

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)
Even though you feel that you have been struggling in obscurity, there is a break in the clouds this week and global success is at hand. Your creative genius is finally recognized and appreciated. Here it comes - Fame and fortune! Is that what you have been working towards queer Bull? Just watch out for the paparrazzi and those extreme close-ups.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)
Sometimes pink Twins can be all surface and no depth. It can leave you feeling disconnected and distant with those who should otherwise feel very close to you. I'm thinking particularly of lovers and family. Saturn trines Jupiter and opens your heart. Remember, no person is an island. Occasionally you have to toss out the life preserver. Occasionally....

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)
Relationships come into the forefront with Saturn trine Jupiter. You will be amazed at what partners have to say. Gay Crabs will not only reach new levels of understanding, they are also surprised at the depth and expanse of affection. If you are in the market for a catch, this is the time put your pole in the water and go fishing. Who knew that you could be so lovable? Not I.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)
Proud Lions have been feeling exploited on the job; underpaid, under appreciated and underwhelmed. But there is hope. Jupiter trine Saturn makes past efforts pay off. Why ask why? Reap the rewards and decide your next steps. If you have set your sights higher than your current level, stage a revolution and create your own utopia. Well you can at least daydream.

VIRGO (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)
While you may feel more comfortable hanging back and fading into the crowd, rewards are there for those queer Virgins who decide to put themselves Out front. Not only can you meet new, influential people, you manage to travel in spheres of greater influence. Suddenly you find yourself rubbing elbows with the glitterati. Pack the oil ... err... balm.

LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23)
The hidden motives of others become apparent this week as Saturn trines Jupiter. Not only do you divine ulterior machinations, you can make your intuition work on many other levels. Think about what you really want out of life, proud Libra. There is nothing that you can't do once you put your mind to it. Okay, at very least put half a mind to it.

SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)
Friends open up and reveal some interesting and advantageous information to you as Saturn trines Jupiter. Pals become much closer and trusting. They know that proud Scorps are good at keeping secrets. Ah, but now you are also good at extracting them out of others. What will you do with all this juicy news? Will you use it for goodness or for nastiness. Uh oh.

SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22)
If you have been patiently (or not so patiently) waiting for a big payoff at work, this may be the week that you get it. Gay Archers are chomping at the bit for a more hay but the senior staff has been too slow and stingy. Something has changed thanks to Saturn trine Jupiter. Will you spend all your largess all in one large lump sum? Oh why not!

CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20)
Pink Caps achieve global recognition for any new idea. So let them spark and see what catches fire. Plan some travel to a faraway destination. Or, if money and time are tight, expand your base of operations closer to home. Not only can you make a great first impression, you can also appear to be serious, committed and sensible. Oh do you have them fooled!

AQUARIUS (JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19)
Secret admirers make themselves known and Aqueerians apparently have quite a few of them. Some will be a total surprise to you and will greatly improve your confidence. The question is: Will you be discerning or will you gorge on every bon bon. Whatever you decide to do, c'est bon! Saturn trines Jupiter and expands your adoring fan base. No autographs please!

PISCES (FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)
Your relationships expand, improve, change and may involve former friends. They have more zest and more romance. Saturn trines Jupiter and mixes and matches all the people in your life. Will you successfully turn something platonic into something passionate? I have no doubt, Guppie. But it will be with someone who you least expect. Keep your eyes open.

A man who doesn't advertise is like one who winks in the dark: he knows he's doing it, but nobody else does.

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COMMENTARY. . . .

G/L Partner Benefits Would Help Uncle Sam

By Deb Price

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A tsunami of empty desks is about ready to pound Uncle Sam. Largely due to baby boomer retirements, the federal government is going to lose one-third of its full-time workforce over the next five years, according to the nonpartisan Partnership for Public Service. That's a staggering 530,000 workers.

In the next two years, Uncle Sam needs to fill the spots of 23,000 nurses, 3,000 air traffic controllers, 63,000 security or law enforcement officials – the list goes on and on. If that weren't challenging enough, Uncle Sam pays about 23 percent less than the private sector for comparable jobs, according to the Federal Salary Council. Clearly, Uncle Sam can't afford to alienate talented potential employees.

And that's a reality at the heart of bipartisan congressional legislation to offer partners of Gay federal workers the same benefits, including health insurance, provided to spouses of married heterosexuals. "Non-federal employers have told surveyors that they extend benefits to domestic partners to boost recruitment and retain quality employees – as well as to be fair," says Senate sponsor Joe Lieberman, I-Conn. "Government will always be at a disadvantage in competing for and retaining highly qualified personnel if it cannot match the domestic-partner benefits programs provided by leading non-federal employers," adds Lieberman, pointing out that most Fortune 500 companies – including the Big Three automakers, General Electric, IBM and AT&T – offer partner benefits.

Lieberman notes that the Gay former ambassador to Romania quit the State Department over the lack of partner benefits. "I have felt compelled to choose between obligations to my partner – who is my family – and service to my country. That anyone should have to make that choice is ... a shame for the (department) and our country," Lieberman quoted Michael Guest as saying at his farewell ceremony.

Even though domestic partner benefits are both fair and a smart employment practice, Uncle Sam isn't likely to provide them soon unless lawmakers hear from Gay and Gay-friendly people from back home. Lawmakers need to know the change isn't expensive: The Congressional Budget Office estimates partner benefits would increase program costs by less than one-half of 1 percent.

So Congress need to take this common-sense step to stop an inequity that hurts Gay Americans and Uncle Sam's ability to attract workers. Most of the nation is ready for this advance. Consider the ABC News-Washington Post poll released November 8, 2007 found Americans, by 55 percent to 42 percent, support "legally recognized civil unions, giving (homosexual couples) the legal rights of married couples in areas such as health insurance, inheritance and pension coverage." Back in 2003, just 40 percent favored civil unions. Civil unions, which of course are much closer than mere domestic partner benefits to actual marriage, are popular with independents – the swing voting group both parties need: 58 percent favor them. They're embraced even more vigorously by Democrats (66 percent in favor). That should send a strong signal to the Democratic-controlled Congress.

Twenty senators – one-fifth of the Senate – are co-sponsoring the legislation. They include both front-runners in the Democratic presidential race, Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama. Meanwhile, Rep. Tammy Baldwin, the Lesbian Democrat from Wisconsin, introduced the bill on the House side.

Empty desks need filling. And Uncle Sam needs Congress to lend him a hand by providing partner benefits.

(Deb Price of The Detroit News writes the first nationally syndicated column on Gay issues. This column was reprinted from pageoneq.com.)

Petition Drive To Repeal Calif. Bully Law Fails, Legal Threat Continues

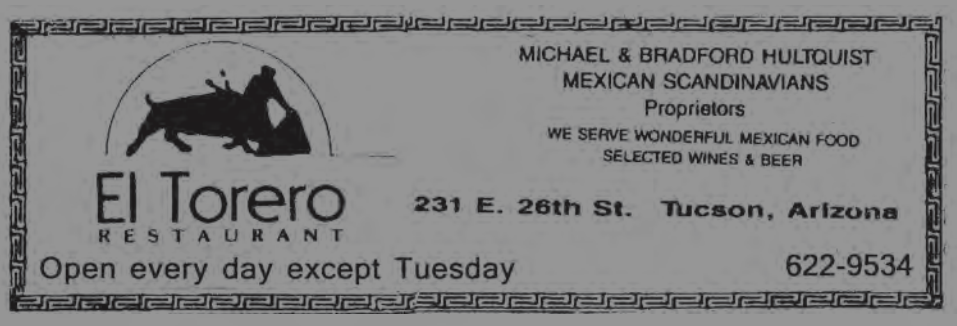
SACRAMENTO, California (Observer Update) - A conservative Christian group has failed to collect enough signatures to force a vote to repeal a California law protecting students from discrimination, harassment and bullying in publicly-funded schools, 365Gay.com reported. But a legal challenge to the law is still before the courts.

Save Our Kids, the organization that spearheaded the referendum effort says it collected over 350,000 signatures to overturn the law - far short of the required 434,000 signatures that had to be turned in on Friday. The Student Civil Rights Act, passed and signed into law by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger last year, mandates that teachers and school administrators fully understand their responsibilities to protect LGBT youth.

Various California laws have prohibited discrimination in public education on the basis of sexual orientation, gender, religion, race, disability and gender for a number of years. But in some instances school administrators have been unclear about all the laws and what they need to do to fight bullying. The Student Civil Rights Act updated the existing Education Code to bring all the discrimination laws under one section.

Opponents of the law have claimed it will force schools to "promote homosexuality" and to "persecute Christians who oppose homosexuality". "Opponents of SB 777 have been spreading misinformation and outright lies for months, and whether they actually collected 350,000 signatures, we will never know," said Equality California Executive Director Geoff Kors. "What is clear is that they failed. Despite their vicious attack, Californians stood with us and said 'no' to turning back the clock on civil rights and protecting all youth from discrimination in our schools."

While the voter initiative to repeal the law has failed, a lawsuit brought by another conservative Christian group remains before the courts. In a lawsuit against the state of California filed in November in San Diego, Advocates for Faith and Freedom and the Alliance Defense Fund claim portions of the legislation - particularly those covering "gender identity" - are unconstitutionally vague and violate student privacy.



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NON-BAR CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 16
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm Hand and foot hosted by Jack. 887-3736. MSN Hand and Foot is played every Wednesday at 7pm, but check back here for the specific host.

Thursday, January 17
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Triangle Tribe-A Men's Circle. According to a recent study, very few people have as many close friends as they would like. Are you as connected with other men as you want to be? Do you get the support you need for issues in your life? Do you wish you had more meaningful friendships and relationships with other men? Join like- minded men at Wingspan to share feelings, thoughts and ideas in a safe, respectful space. For the same experience with both straight and gay men, join us at the regular Circle of Men meetings. Call Tom at 591-2828 for dates and times.

#2 Deadline is Noon today to reserve your place for pizza night. Call Erich: 745-2689. Reserve Before Noon Today For Pizza Night!

Friday, January 18
Wingspan Reel Pride presents the critically-acclaimed documentary "For The Bible Tells Me So". An insightful and moving look at homosexuality and Christianity, sponsored by the Mens Social Network. He film opens today at the Loft Theatre. For more information call (520)795-0844 or visit loftcinema.com for showtimes and additional information.

The LGBT Jewish Inclusion Project invites you to a Fruit & Nut Shabbat Dinner. Join the Project at 7:00 p.m. for food, wine and blessings. Call or email Jenny for more information on what kind of fruit & nuts you can bring to this wonderful event. All are welcome to attend. For more info contact Jenny Schultz (520)577-9393, e-mail: lgbtinfo@jfsa.org

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Pizza Night! Call Erich for directions at 745-2689! Did you phone in your reservation earlier this month to help plan ordering and preparation? Excellent! Get ready for great company, plus delicious salad, yummy desert, and 4 choices of pizza for only $5.

Tucson Prime Timers Cocktails – 5:30 PM Colors, 5305 E. Speedway

Saturday, January 19
#1 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 8:30a.m. Join Robert for a morning of Volleyball. This is played for fun, and you'll get to know some nice guys as you play. Two great ways to work on your game! For details and directions, please call Robert at 400-1376.

#2Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 1:00p.m. Meet Lee and Merlin at Crave Espresso Bar on Broadway for the MSN 'coffee night during the day' revival! Enjoy basic or elaborate coffee beverages, pastries baked fresh every morning, and talk things over! Crave is in the same strip mall as Dandy Dime where the 31 flavors used to be. Check the Crave website for prices and complete menu: www.craveespressobar.com Need direction in Life? Call Merlin or Lee for details and directions at 207-5336.

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Shuffle over for Floating Pinochle every Saturday of the month except for first Saturday Monthly Pot Luck. Phone host Steve at 644-2076 for location, driving directions, and info.

Sunday, January 20
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 6:30p.m. Thom and/or Ken host Dinner Out at one of Tucson's Ultra-Fabulous Buffets. For reservations and directions, contact Thom 623-2941, e-mail thomsepals@hotmail.com , or Ken at 294-6606. Please contact Thom or Ken by Sunday at Noon to facilitate reservations. Price is usually under $10. Check the Yahoo on-line calendar for the scheduled place. The venue is rotated to include all parts of town, and may occasionally be held at a full-service menu restaurant.

Tucson Prime Timers Brunch – 11:30 am – 2 pm, Colors, 5305 E. Speedway

Monday, January 21
#1Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 6:30p.m. Meet Stephen and the group monthly for dinner and discussion of an agreed upon work of gay fiction. Currently, the group meets the 3rd Monday each month at Gourmet of China, 2544 S. Kolb Road. Contact Stephen at 546-4047.

#2Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm Newsletter Night! Join Arlan and crew to help get the MSN newsletter in the mail, plus find out first about next month's events. Munchies and soft drinks provided. Contact Arlan: 323-7414.

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch – 12:30 P.M., The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

Tuesday, January 22
The Office of LGBTQ Affairs at the University of Arizona is please to invite you and yours to their Spring Welcoming Reception from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. at Wingspan. The reception is for current and former LGBTQ and Allied UofA students, staff, faculty and their families. RSVP to cbusha@email.arizona.edu. With your RSVP include your name, mailing address, phone number, UA department/major and year graduated (if applicable.

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Play bridge with Jim! Call for info at 790-8735.

Wednesday, January 23
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm Hand and Foot hosted by Merlin and Lee at 207-5336. MSN Hand and Foot is played every Wednesday at 7pm, but check back here for the specific host.

Thursday, January 24
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Triangle Tribe-A Men's Circle. According to a recent study, very few people have as many close friends as they would like. Are you as connected with other men as you want to be? Do you get the support you need for issues in your life? Do you wish you had more meaningful friendships and relationships with other men? Join like- minded men at Wingspan to share feelings, thoughts and ideas in a safe, respectful space. For the same experience with both straight and gay men, join us at the regular Circle of Men meetings. Call Tom at 591-2828 for dates and times.

Friday, January 25
LGBT and straight bowlers will gather in the Old Pueblo for the inaugural Chuzapalooza bowling tournament today through Sunday at Santa Cruz Lanes, 3665 South 16th Avenue in South Tucson. For more infoormation call (520)495-0143.

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00 p.m. Merlin and Lee host a word for word fun evening of Scrabble. If you don't know how to play, they will be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please contact Merlin and Lee at 207-5336. If you're loquacious, erudite, or a wordsmith; this man's game just may be a triple word score for you!

Tucson Prime Timers Cocktails - 5:30 PM, Colors, 5305 E. Speedway

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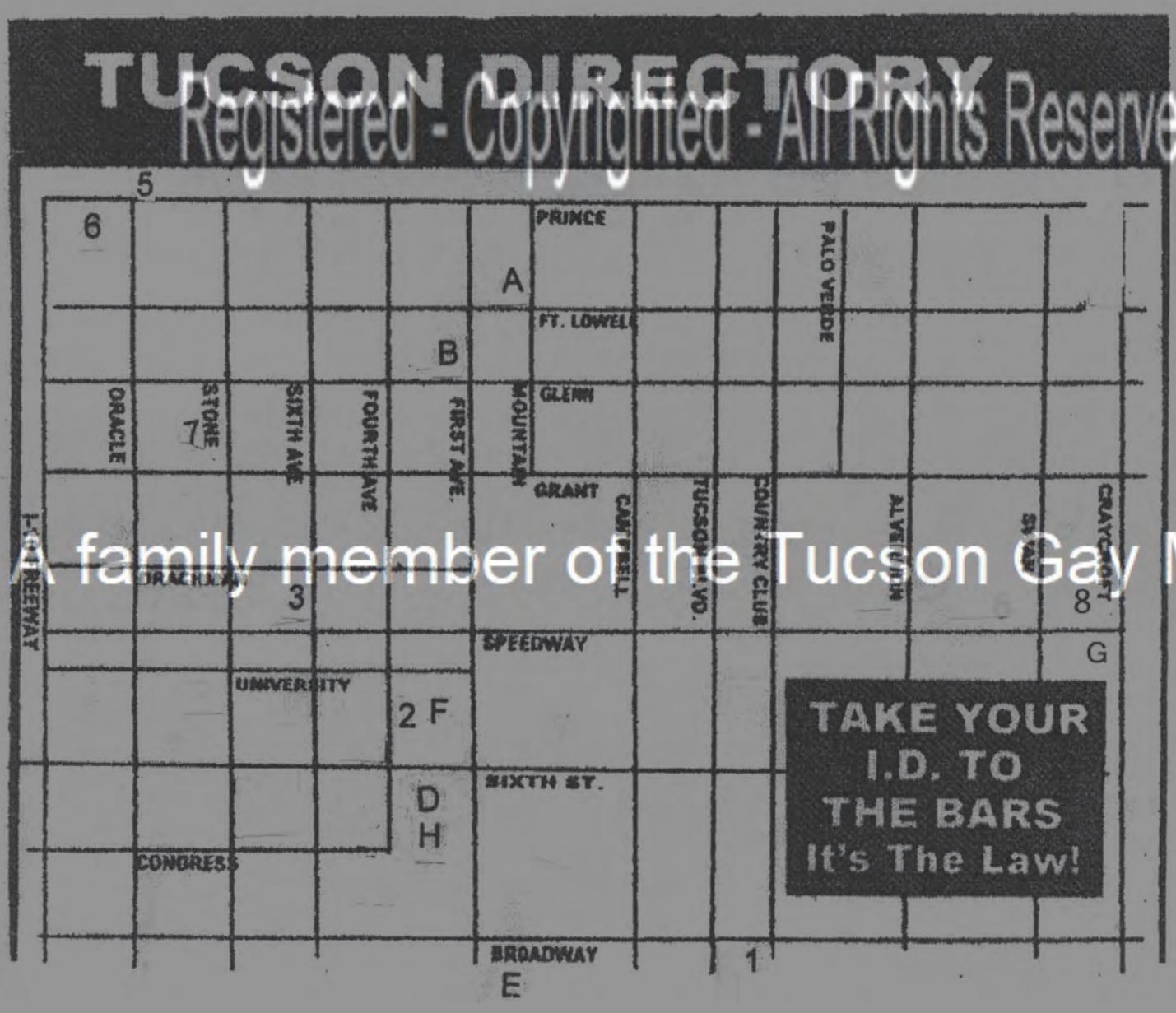

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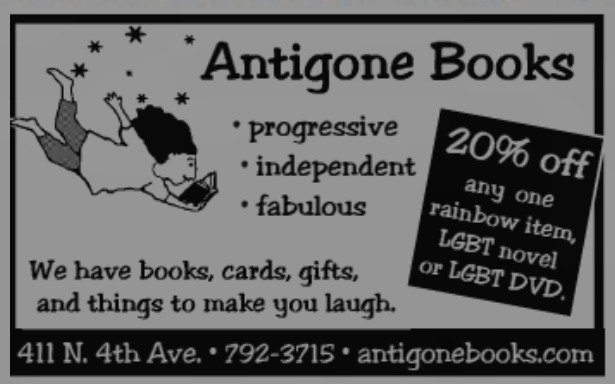

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Monday, January 28
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www.groups.yahoo.com/group/menssocialnetwork/

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch – 12:30 P.M., The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

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COMMENTARY. . . .

What We Mean When We Say 'Change'

By Kevin Cathcart

One of my favorite headlines coming out of this primary season was on a Seattle Times editorial: "'Change' Leads Early in the Race." And it's true that change is on the tip of everyone's tongue – from voters to candidates of all political stripes, each trying to prove that he or she is the one who will offer a new vision for America, the one who will bring about real change.

But what exactly does change mean? That often depends on who is speaking the word, but one fact is undeniable: The next chief executive will have the opportunity to preside over, and hopefully champion, big changes for LGBT people and those with HIV. In this spirit, I thought I would begin the New Year by outlining a few examples of what real change might look like for our communities in the years ahead.

We would have an inclusive Employment Nondiscrimination law. Last year's big disappointment was Congress's failure to enact an employment nondiscrimination law. Adding insult to injury, the House removed protections for Transgender people in the bill it eventually passed. Real change would give us a law that Lambda Legal could use to protect all LGBT people across the country from workplace discrimination.

"Don't Ask, Don't Tell" would end. With lawsuits currently challenging the policy and more Gay and Lesbian servicemembers speaking out against it every day, there is no question that "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" is losing ground, even in Congress. I recently talked to Col. Grethe Cammemeyer – Lambda Legal had challenged the military's previous anti-Gay policy on her behalf and won – and she talked about the tragedy of making people choose between living honestly and serving their country. This is a choice no one should have to make.

We would change the government's discriminatory HIV policies. More than four years ago, Lambda Legal filed a case on behalf of Lorenzo Taylor who, though he was more than qualified, was denied employment by the U.S. Foreign Service because he has HIV. The State Department under the current administration has stubbornly refused to change this discriminatory policy, and we are set to go to trial later this winter. Federal law prohibits the government from discriminating against people with disabilities, including HIV – and the government, if anyone, must comply with federal law. Similarly, discriminatory immigration policies targeting people with HIV must end.

Hate crimes protections would give young people across America safer schools and shield all of us from anti-Gay violence. The defeat of last year's hate crimes bill – named after Matthew Shepherd, the Gay Wyoming college student who was beaten to death in 1998 – marked another Congressional failure. While the bill was not directly aimed at students, it would have strengthened protections for them by making discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender and disabilities a federal crime. We are currently litigating two cases (in New Jersey and California) on behalf of Gay students who were harassed in school. Students deserve to attend school without fearing violence and harassment because they are Gay – real change would bring protections to help make this happen.

Marriage equality would be a reality. I've said it before and I'll say it again: LGBT people will not be truly equal until those same-sex couples who want to have the right to marry. This is beyond marriage. It is simply about being treated fairly under law. Real change would pave the way for marriage equality in every state.

When people speak about change, they often quote Gandhi, who said, "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." I like this because it gives each of us the chance to do our own small part to change the world we live in. And this is something we can hold on to regardless of who wins the next presidential election.

(Kevin Cathcart is the Executive Director of Lambda Legal.)

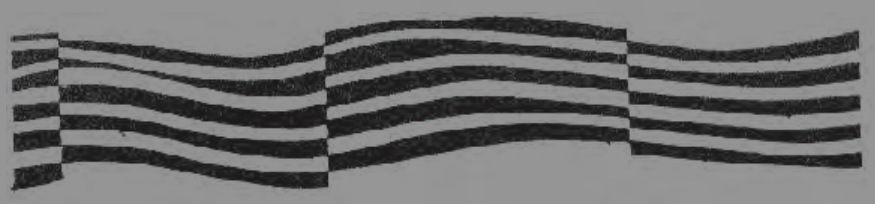
Florida Anti-G/L Amendment In Trouble

MIAMI, Florida (Observer Update) - Backers of a proposed amendment to bar same-sex marriage in Florida are scrambling to find 20,000 signatures to get the measure on November's ballot after the Secretary of State announced Monday, January 14, that a counting mistake put them well short of the required 611,000 signatures needed.

Last month the Secretary of State's office said that Florida4Marriage collected 612,192 names, a thousand more than was required. Then questions arose about the state's electronic voter system and it was determined the system was miscounting petition signatures. Petition drives must submit signatures to counties which then verify, tabulate and send the totals electronically to Tallahassee.

Secretary of State Kurt Browning ordered counties to retabulate the results and send the results using paper forms to his office. Browning announced there had been a massive error in Dade County. Browning, said the new count showed that election officials in Miami-Dade had ''double-counted'' some 27,000 paper petitions. With two weeks until the deadline for submitting signatures it is unclear if Florida4Marriage will be able to make up the 20,000 name shortfall. The amendment says, "Inasmuch as marriage is the legal union of only one man and one woman, no other legal union that is treated as marriage or the substantial equivalent thereof shall be valid or recognized."

Florida4Marriage attempted to have the measure placed on the 2006 ballot but fell short of the required number of signatures. Under Florida law Florida4Marriage, was allowed to continue to add names to the petition in a bid to get it on the 2008 ballot. Last year it was discovered that the state GOP was bankrolling Florida4Marriage. An investigation by the St. Petersburg Times into funding for the Florida4Marriage has found that of the $193,000 that had been raised by the



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Debate Over G/L Marriage More Civilized Than Original Civil Union Battle

MONTPELIER, Vermont (Observer Update) - For many who lived through Vermont's not-so-civil debate over civil unions, the memories remain painfully fresh: hate mail, threatening telephone messages, tense public meetings, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com. This time around, as the state weighs whether to legalize Gay marriage, the debate is noticeably tamer with little of the vitriol and recrimination that surrounded its groundbreaking 2000 decision to legally recognize Gay and Lesbian couples.

It's early: Lawmakers say they're unlikely to push for a vote this year on pending legislation that would legalize Gay marriage, although a state-appointed panel has been gathering public input and is due to report to the Legislature in April. Although that absence of an impending vote may be what's keeping things civil, people involved in the debate have noticed a change in atmosphere. "It's a very different tenor," said Beth Robinson, chairwoman of the Vermont Freedom to Marry Task Force, which supports Gay marriage. "People have had an opportunity to come to terms. Vermonters have had eight years to see the two guys next door, or the two women down the street who have a legally recognized relationship under the civil unions law."

On December 20, 1999, the Vermont Supreme Court ruled that barring same-sex unions was unconstitutional and ordered the Legislature to come up with a law accommodating them. That triggered a yearlong battle in which a state that prides itself on tolerance seemed to lack it. Supporters and opponents alike streamed into Montpelier to rally and lobby lawmakers. When the law took effect July 1, 2000, it didn't quell the controversy or the fallout. It became a central issue in that year's elections and 17 incumbents who voted in favor lost their seats. "It was quite rancorous," said Stephen Cable, founder of Vermont Renewal, which opposed civil unions then and opposes Gay marriage now. "I have a box of hate mail you can't imagine. We got dried feces and used condoms in the mail. We had people stalking our vice president, who had an armed guard at her house for three weeks, 24/7," Cable said. "It was a time unlike anything since the Vietnam War era, when you had the sense that the whole world around you was divided," said David Moats, author of "Civil Wars: A Battle For Gay Marriage," a book about Vermont's civil unions controversy.

An Associated Press exit poll of voters that November found the state split 49 percent to 49 percent on whether civil unions were a good idea. Four years later, the poll asked voters to choose between three options for recognition of same-sex unions: full marriage, civil unions or no recognition. Forty percent said they supported marriage, 37 percent civil unions and 21 percent neither. Other states followed Vermont's lead. Connecticut, New Jersey and New Hampshire have endorsed civil unions and California and Washington have enacted domestic partner laws. Only Massachusetts permits Gay marriage. Last summer, the Legislature appointed an 11-member Vermont Commission on Family Recognition and Protection to explore the idea of Gay marriage and hear how Vermonters feel about it. The panel, which opponents say is stacked with Gay marriage supporters and have boycotted, has held seven hearings and has three more scheduled.

The hearings have generated plenty of input, but no name-calling or personal attacks. James LaPierre, who has a civil union partner and two children, saw the contrast firsthand. He went to a 2000 meeting on civil unions intending to get up and speak, but he was intimidated by the atmosphere and kept quiet. "People would stand up and go to the microphone and there was jeering and catcalling," said LaPierre, 43, a nurse from Burlington. "It was hateful, and scary." Last month, LaPierre went to a hearing by the Commission on Family Recognition. This time, the gathering was "supportive" and he got up and spoke. But it had fewer people - about 100, by his count, compared with about 500 at the 2000 event. "Instead of a hateful, unruly, mob-like meeting, it was civil and organized. There was representation of the other side, but only two or three people," he said.

Opponents believe the change in tone may have more to do with their boycott - and the lack of impending action - than acceptance of Gay marriage. "If they'd announced they were going to move on it this year and these hearings were on a bill we intend to have a vote on this year, you'd be seeing a much different scenario," said Rev. Craig Bensen, president of Take It To The People, which promotes traditional marriage. Thomas Little, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee in 2000 and now the chair of Commission on Family Recognition, acknowledges that some Gay marriage opponents are staying on the sidelines - for now. "Most people don't expect the Legislature to take any action in 2008, and opponents, therefore, are keeping their powder dry until some point in the future, when it's more likely to become a legislative debate," he said.

NH Civil Unions Proving Popular

CONCORD, New Hampshire (Observer Update) - In the two weeks that New Hampshire's civil unions law has been in effect more than 100 same-sex couples have taken advantage of it, 365Gay.com reported. The legislation went into effect on New Year's Day and was marked by a mass ceremony for 37 couples on the plaza of the New Hampshire Statehouse. Another 56 were united the same day in towns across the state. The additional unions have taken place since January 1.

Although the law went into effect on New Year's Day couples could begin filling out applications on December 10. Since then 183 civil unions licenses have been issued. The licenses are valid for 90 days. That would mean about half the couples who have applied for licenses have so far been united. LGBT activists in the state say many couples are waiting for the hoopla to die down and speculate many of those holding off on their ceremonies will be united on Valentine's Day.

State records show that the vast majority of couples who applied for licenses are from New Hampshire, although they are available to couples from outside the state. Gov. John Lynch signed the legislation last May making New Hampshire the state fourth to grant civil unions after New Jersey, Connecticut and Vermont. Neighboring Massachusetts in 2004 became the only state to allow Gay marriage. Couples entering civil unions will have the same state rights, responsibilities and obligations as married couples. But the federal Defense of Marriage Act bars them from any federal rights. Same-sex unions from other states also would be recognized if they were legal in the state where they were performed.

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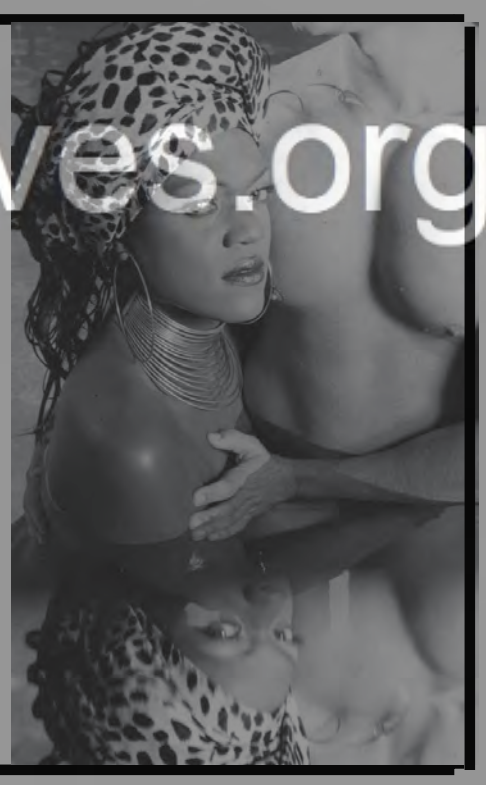

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Cody Castagna Pleads Not Guilty In Lawmaker's Extortion

SPOKANE, Washington (Observer Update) - Cody Castagna, the escort involved in the late-night sexual rendezvous with former Washington state Rep. Richard Curtis which led to the lawmaker's subsequent resignation, who in December was charged on six counts by Spokane County prosecutors including theft, conspiracy, and extortion, has pleaded not guilty on all six counts, towleroad.com reported.

Curtis, a married man who exposed his secret life by making the initial reports of Castagna's crime to the police, resigned at the end of October. Not only did the incident ruin his career and embarrass him, it exposed him as a hypocrite with an anti-gay voting record: "Elected to the state House of Representatives in 2004, Curtis has voted like a fiscal and social conservative. This spring, he voted against domestic partnerships

Cody Castagna

for gay and lesbian couples. Last year, he opposed a gay rights bill that banned discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation."

Spokane County Superior Court Judge Jerome Leveque has set a trial date of April 7.

PlanetOut Plotting Selloff

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - As its stock value continues to drop, LGBT media conglomerate PlanetOut has enlisted the help of New York investment bank Allen & Company, LLC to "evaluate strategic alternatives," one of which is selling the company, pageoneq.com reported.

San-Francisco based PlanetOut (LGBT.O), whose holdings include The Advocate, Gay.com and Out Magazine, had successfully sold off its ailing RSVP Vacations unit and staved off creditors with a $26.2 million boost last year, much of it linked to Microsoft's Bill Gates. Its market value, however, continued to fall throughout 2007 with stockholders approving a 10-1 reverse split in August to raise the share price and avoid being delisted by Nasdaq. Earlier, PlanetOut laid off 5% of its workers in closing offices in Buenos Aires and London.

PlanetOut, having posted losses for the last seven quarters, has discontinued its quarterly earnings calls and projections, opting to communicate about its financial affairs mainly through SEC filings.

PlanetOut Inc.

G/L Love Healthier Say Gay Researchers

SAN FRANCISCO, California - Someone alert the anti-gay activists! San Francisco-based Rockway Institute research claims that same-sex relationships are healthier than their hetero counterparts, queerty.com reported.

A series of research studies has revealed that those in same-sex relationships have an increased likelihood of better family and marital relations then those in a heterosexual relationship. Executive Director of the Rockway Institute Robert-Jay Green said that flexibility of gender roles and the equal division of parenting and household tasks results in more same-sex couples having healthier relationships than heterosexuals.

Green claims there's "greater equality" because gays and lesbians have an easier time overcoming traditional gender roles. We're suspicious, because we know all sorts of homos who play hausfrau for their working men.

'Bar Exam Flunker' Apologizes For His Religious Crusade Against Gay RIghts

BOSTON, Massachusetts (Observer Update) - Aspiring Boston lawyer Stephen Dunne, once on a drive against same-sex marriage rights as a result of narrowly failing the Massachusetts bar exam last year, has publicly apologized to the Gay community for his actions, pageoneq.com reported.

On religious grounds, Dunne skipped a thirty-point question on the exam that specifically mentioned a married Lesbian couple, leaving him with a score of 268.866, with 270.0 required to pass. He then filed a federal lawsuit against the state, representing himself, seeking $9.75 million in damages. The suit, which also challenged the constitutionality of same-sex marriage, recognized in Massachusetts since 2003, called the question part of a push of "Secular Humanism's homosexual agenda." The suit was discontinued in September.

"I am deeply sorry for the hurt that I have caused the Gay community," Dunne writes in a letter to LGBT publication Bay Windows. An Irish immigrant, Dunne says he began to see parallels between discrimination Gays face today and that which Irish Americans have faced in the past.

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Craig Continues Minnesota Legal Appeal

MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota (Observer Update) - Seeking to have his guilty plea in a bathroom sex sting erased, the attorneys for Sen. Larry Craig of Idaho argue in a new court filing that the underlying act wasn't criminal because it didn't involve multiple victims, advocate.com reported.

An appeals brief filed Tuesday (January 8) contends that Minnesota's disorderly conduct law ''requires that the conduct at issue have a tendency to alarm or anger 'others'' – underscoring the plural nature of the term. Craig's brief goes on to cite other convictions that were overturned because the multiple-victim test wasn't met. His lawyers apply the same logic to his case.

The Republican senator pleaded guilty in August after his arrest two months earlier at the Minneapolis airport. It was part of a broader undercover push targeting men soliciting sex in public restrooms.

Besides attacking the law he was prosecuted under, Craig's legal team argues that the hand signal allegedly used to communicate a desire to engage in sexual conduct would be constitutionally protected speech. They also say the plea is technically flawed because it lacked a judicial signature. Patrick Hogan, a spokesman for the Metropolitan Airports Commission, which oversees the Minneapolis airport and which brought the charges, said he was confident the guilty plea will stand. ''Facts are resilient, and Senator Craig's continued, transparent efforts to escape them don't change the truth of his behavior in an airport restroom or the fact that he admitted guilt last August,'' Hogan said.

Prosecutors have 45 days to respond, and then the case will be scheduled for oral arguments. Once heard, a ruling is required within 90 days.

Golden Globes Stagger Forward

HOLLYWOOD, California (Observer Update) - Unlike a crippling writers strike that has dragged on for months, Hollywood's first big awards show was over in a flash, with no key winners, no stars in sight and no real fun for fans of show business glitz, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

The Golden Globes on Sunday (January 13) honored such films as the tragic romance "Atonement," the crime saga "No Country for Old Men," and the bloody musical "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street." Yet no one film gained critical momentum that might set it ahead of the pack for the Academy Awards on Feb. 24, and a compressed Globes show highlighted what a joyless awards season this is for Hollywood.

The two-month-old strike by the Writers Guild of America scuttled the big celebrity bash at the 65th annual Globes, which were replaced by a bizarre and speedy news conference to announce recipients, without any winners around to gush their thanks. The guild, on strike since Nov. 5, had planned pickets outside the show if organizers tried to move ahead with their usual televised ceremony. With nominees and other stars refusing to cross picket lines, Globe planners had to scrap their glossy show and hope for better times in 2009.

Along with "Sweeney Todd," three other films received two prizes, with the tragic romance "Atonement" winning the top honor for best drama, plus the Globe for musical score. The crime saga "No Country for Old Men" came away with the screenplay award for writer-directors Ethan and Joen Coen and the supporting-actor Globe for Javier Bardem, who offers a chilling performance as a killer tracking a fortune in wayward drug money. The other double winner was "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly," which received the directing prize for Julian Schnabel and the foreign-language film honor.

Coming into the evening, the awards season was blurry enough, lacking any of the front-runners that usually emerge in key categories. The Globes did virtually nothing to sort out the Oscar picture, with the main prizes up for grabs among "Atonement," "No Country for Old Men" and other critical favorites such as "There Will Be Blood" and "Michael Clayton." A historical epic set in California's oil-boom days of the early 20th century, "There Will Be Blood" earned Daniel Day-Lewis the Globe for dramatic actor.

Other winners included Marion Cotillard, best musical or comedy actress for the Edith Piaf saga "La Vie En Rose"; Julie Christie, best dramatic actress for the Alzheimer's drama "Away From Her"; Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder, best original song for "Guaranteed," from Sean Penn's road drama "Into the Wild"; and the rodent tale "Ratatouille," best animated film.

Kennith H. Burns, Leader Of The Mattachine Society Dead at 81

BURBANK, California - Kennith H. Burns, an early leader of the Mattachine Society, one of the country's first gay rights organizations, died December 16, 2007 at Providence St. Joseph Medical Center in Burbank. He was 81, reported the Los Angeles Times. The cause was lung failure, according to a friend, Dale Olson.

Burns was a founding member of the Mattachine Society, which was founded in Los Angeles in 1950 by activist Harry Hay and others. In 1953, when McCarthyism was strengthening its grip on the national consciousness, Hay and other Mattachine leaders with communist ties were ousted and Burns assumed a prominent role in the organization. The society moved in a more conservative direction during Burns' tenure as Mattachine president in the mid- to late 1950s. Along with other Mattachine leaders, including Harold Call and Don Lucas, he urged members to temper their public image and assimilate into society. "We must blame ourselves for much of our plight," Burns said during this period. "When will homosexuals ever realize that social reform, in order to be effective, must be preceded by personal reform?"

Born January 21, 1926, in Santa Ana, Burns grew up in Long Beach. He briefly attended USC before joining the Army and serving in the medical corps during World War II. After the war, he returned to USC to study international relations. Instead of pursuing a career in diplomacy, he went to work for the Carnation Co. in Los Angeles as a safety engineer, eventually rising to the post of safety director. He retired from the company in the 1980s. After stepping down from his duties as head of the Mattachine Society in 1959, he remained active in the gay and lesbian community and was honored for his contributions by the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

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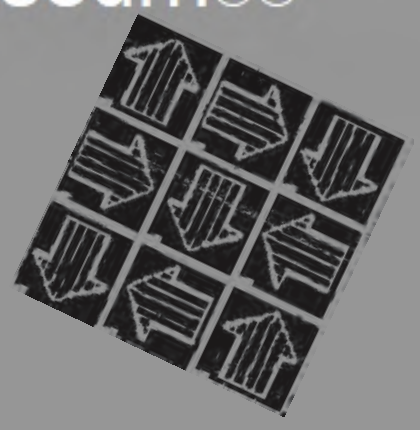

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DAILY BAR CALENDAR

SUNDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am; L Word Sundays. L Word shows at 7pm on two 51" flatscreens. Beer Bust 5pm-10pm. DJ HILL following til 2am.

COLORS - Open 10am - 10pm Champagne Brunch 10am - 2pm with choice of complimentary mimosa, Bloody Mary or Screwdriver included. Happy Hour 4-7pm $3.50 Skyy Cocktails, $2.75 Domestics and well. Appetizers ½ price 4-6. Brunch served until 2pm. Full menu served until 10;m. Nightly dinner specials.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open 11am. Wear an NFL team t-shirt or jersey and get 50¢ off your drink. Smirnoff Vodkas $2.50. Texas Hold'Em Poker at 3 and 6 pm. Play for points and prizes - no cash involved. $1 hot dogs, $2 chili dogs during game. SIN Nite Drink Discounts for Service Industry employees with ID or payroll receipt. Latin Dance Music 8:30 to close.

IBT's -Troy's Recovery Bar noon-4pm. 4-7:30 Karaoke on the patio. Benefit B-B-Q for the Pride Parade 5:30-7:30 and dance with DJ Mike Lopez 9pm to close.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. $2.00 Bloody Marys or Screws til 3pm Patio Beer Bust 3-7.Burger BBQ 5-7. Selection of burger meats to choose from. $3 proceeds go to Pet Watch (helping HIV/AIDS clients with their veterinary bills).

WOODY'S - Open 11am.Happy Hour 11am-8pm (excl spec events); Brunch 11:30am-2:30pm; Back Pocket Patio Bar 2pm til 2am. Beer Bust 2-7pm; Bar-B-Que 5-9pm; Karaoke with Michael D. 9p.m.; DJ Jeff in the Back Pocket 9pm; Drag Bingo every other Sunday 8-9pm Watch for special events.

YARD DOG - Open 10am - 2am. Mimosas & Bloody Mary Bar (Build your own)

MONDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Poker Pub...FREE. No Happy Hour on this day. Games at 6:30 and again at 9:00pm. 21 and up.

COLORS - Open 4-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7. $3.50 Skyy Cocktails, $2.75 well & domestics. Appetizers ½ price 4-6m. Full menu served until 10pm.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open 3pm. Happy Hour all day $2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. $3.50 sm. Pitcher/$5.50 lg. Texas Hold-Em Poker at 6 & 8:30, Play for points and prizes. No cash involved.

IBT's -Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, DJ Craig Carter 10pm-2am $1.50 well vodka drinks, All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio 6pm. Free pool til 4pm. $2.75 Skyy Martinis 4-8pm..

WOODY'S - Open Noon til 2am. Happy Hour Noon-8pm (excl spec events) Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. Beer Bust 4-8pm.

TUESDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. No Happy Hour on this day. Spin Tuesdays with Karaoke. Spin the drink wheel every hour for incredible drink prices...nothing over $2!! Karaoke at 8pm. 21 and up.

COLORS - Open 4-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7 $3.50 Skyy cocktails, $2.75 Domestics and well and ½ price appetizers 4-6. Full menu served until 10pm.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open 3pm. $2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints.$3.50 sm. Pitcher/$5.50 lg. Pitcher. $2.50 well margaritas and tequila. 75¢ off call tequilas. Ladies Only Texas Hold-Em Poker at 6:00 p.m. Play for points and prizes - no cash involved. $2 U-call-it drink special 9pm to midnight (some restrictions apply).

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, Tropical Tuesdays $2.50 Tropical drinks and DJ Craig Carter playing Retro Music 70's, 80's and 90's 9pm-close.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio 7pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Spaghetti Nite (2nd Tuesday every month $2.00).

WOODY'S - Open Noon til 2am. Happy Hour Noon-8pm (excl spec events). Havana Night with Woody's own Specialty Mojitos, Caprioskas and Martinis.

YARD DOG - Open daily. .Beer Bust 4-8pm.

WEDNESDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. 1/2 Price Happy Hour til 8pm. Wild Wednesdays. DJHill Spins til 2am. This is an 18 and over event..

COLORS - Open 4-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, $3.50 Skyy cocktails, $2.75 Domestics and ½ price appetizers 4-6. Full menu served until 10pm. Nightly dinner specials. Every Wednesday is "Cabaret Open Mic Night". Sign up at 6:30 - Show starts at 7. MC: Cabaret Diva Liz McMahon. Music Director: Marilyn Harris.

HOWL AT THE MOON -Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 _ 8 pm, $2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints, $3.50 sm. Pitcher/$5.50 lg. Pitchers. $5.00 Jager Bombs and Long Island Ice Tea. Texas Hold_'Em Poker Tournaments at 6 & 8:30 pm Play for points & Prizes. No cash involved.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, "Diva-Licious" show 9pm w/ Bunny Fu Fu& Friends. After show dance with DJ Q til 2am,

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio 7pm. Free Pool til 4pm. $2.75 Cuervo Margaritas 4-8pm

WOODY'S - Open Noon til 2am; Service Industry Day - $1 off all drinks except schnapps and draft. Happy Hour Noon-8pm (excl Spec Events); Chili Dog Buffet 5-9pm; Underwear/Fetish/Leather Party 9-close - $1 off all drinks for those who participate (50¢ off draught/schnapps) Back Pocket Patio Bar open 9pm-close.

YARD DOG - Open daily Beer Bust 4-8pm.

THURSDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. 1/2 Price Happy Hour til 8pm. 20/20 Thursday's a night guaranteed to F*UCK,, with your vision!! $20 at the door we take care of the rest (premium top shelf not included). DJHill spins hip hop & R&B all night. 21'n up

COLORS - Open 4pm-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm,$3.50 Skyy cocktails, $2.75 Domestics and Well and ½ price appetizers. Full menu served until 10. Nightly dinner specials.. .

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 _ 8 pm, $2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints, $3.50 sm. Pitcher/$5.50 lg.. Pitcher. Mexican Beers $2.50 all day, all night. Starting 1/17/08 TNT Thursday Night Temptation for 18 & over. Eat-drink-dance Music with DJ Shorty v2.0

IBT's -Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, Boyz Nite Out with your Bartenders & GoGo Boys dancing in their undies and DJ Mike Lopez spinning Top 40 & All request $1.75 Long Islands and $1.50 Tequila shots 10pm-2am.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio open 7pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Pool Tourney 7pm. $3 entry. Special prices for players. Steak Nite (3rd Thursday during summer). Bring your own or get it here $6.00.

WOODY'S - Open Noon-2am; Happy Hour Noon-8pm (excl Spec Events); Free Pool all day. Nacho Chip Buffet 5-9pm; $1 PBRs Longnecks and $2 Tecate Longnecks; Back Pocket Bar open 8-close.

YARD DOG - Open daily. Beer Bust 4-8pm..

FRIDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. NOCHE de CALOR. 1/2 price Happy Hour til 8pm. Every Friday DJ Hill spins the best norteno, Cumbias, Salsa, Bachata Reggaeton, Rock en Espanol and anything else that makes you shake your hips!!

COLORS - Open 4pm-midnight. Happy Hour 4-7pm, $3.50 Skyy cocktails, $2.75 Domestics and Well and ½ price appetizers. Finlandia martinis $5.50 open to close! Full menu served until 10. "Hot Jazz, Cool Martinis" with Susan Artemis & Craig Faltin 6:30 to 9:30. "Guys & Dolls" drag show hosted by Lucinda Holliday at 10pm. Nightly dinner specials. Drink specials during the drag show.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 _ 8 pm, $2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. $3.,50 Sm. Pitcher/$5.50 lg. Pitcher. $2.50 Smirnoff Ice. Triple Black, Green Apple and Raspberry Twisters. Free Country dance lessons at 7:30p.m. DJ Pat plays classic country 8:30 to close..

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, 9pm Hot Dance with DJ Mike Lopez outside on the patio and DJ Raynman spinning club music inside.9pm-2am.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio open 7pm. Free Pool til 4pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon-2am; Happy Hour Noon-8pm (excl spec events)Enjoy the sounds of Simon Crown 6-9 p.m.; Martini Happy Hour 5-8pm-$1 off all call Martinis; Back Pocket Patio Bar open 8-close. Watch for special events.

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. Beer Bust 4-8pm. Patio Bar Opens 8pm

SATURDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm - 2am. $2.00 U-Call-Its til 11pm. Saturday night dance party with DJ Hill9pm. Patio Bar opens at 10:30pm.

COLORS - Open 4pm-10pm, Happy Hour 4-7pm, $3.50 Skyy cocktails, $2.75 Domestics and Well, ½ price appetizers 4-6. Pianist/Vocalist Marilyn Harris 6:30-9:30. Full menu served until 10. Nightly dinner specials.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 2pm. Happy Hour 2-8pm, $2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. $3.50 sm. Pitcher/$5.50 lg. $4.50 cheeseburger & fries.$2.50 Captain Morgan or Malibu Rum all day, all night. Check our calendar for the Saturday Night Special Entertainment.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, 5-8pm karaoke and Teryaki Kabobs on the patio. 8:30pm Show time w/ Bunny FuFu or Janee Star. DJ Q spinning Club Music inside and Mike Lopez spinning on the patio 10pm to close..

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio Bar open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm.

WOODY'S - Open 10am-2am; Happy Hour 10am-8pm (excl spec events); Steak/Fish Dinner in the Back Pocket 5-9pm. Back Pocket Patio Bar open 5-close. Live Jazz with Arthur Migliazza in the Back Pocket 6-9pm; DJ Jeff in the Back Pocket 9-close. Watch for special events.

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. Patio Bar Opens 8pm.

BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17
HOWL AT THE MOON - TNT Thursday Night Temptation. 18 and over. Music with DJ Shorty

VENTURE-N - Anniversary Party for the Venture. Entertainment by Richard Villa direct from Las Vegas. Events all day. Food, Prizes, drink specials. Doors open at 9:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19
THE BIZ - A big 80's Party tonight with 80' Give Aways, 80's music. Come dressed in 80's attire. Plus $2.00 Bartles & James Wine Coolers!

HOWL AT THE MOON - Live music with Too Much Information - classic rock, blues and dance favoites. $5.00 Cover.

IBT's - Saturday Night Starletts show hosted by Bunny FuFu with very special guest Mikaila Kay - Miss Gay America 2008. Don't miss it.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20
HOWL AT THE MOON - NFL Conference Championships

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23
WOODY'S - College Greek Night.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26
HOWL AT THE MOON - DJ Shorty is here playing Latin and Dance Mix. No Cover.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3
WOODY'S - Super Bowl Party.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5
THE BIZ - Fat Tuesday. Come celebrate and enjoy Karaoke at 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9
THE BIZ Mardi Gras Ball. Come dressed in your best Mardi Gras attire. Show your boobs - get some beads! Drink Specials all night. DJ Hill til 2:00 a.m.

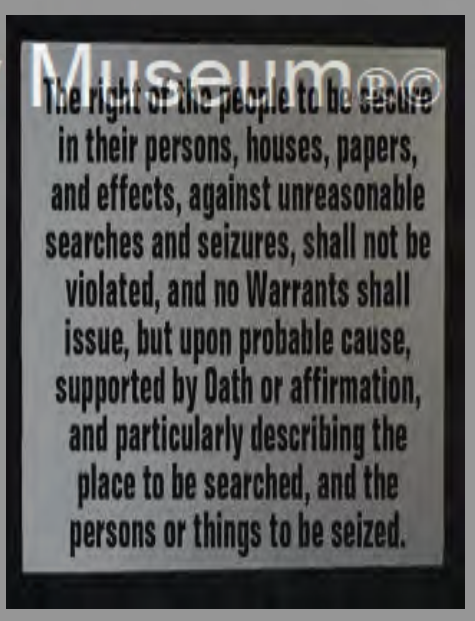
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26
IBT'S - Janet Jackson CD Release Party

Lambda Announces Literary Nominees

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - Charles Isherwood, Michelle Tea and Jennifer Baumgardner are some of the authors up for consideration at this year's Lambda Literary Awards. The organization will choose winners in 21 categories from 463 nominees, a record for the LGBT book awards, according to a statement, advocate.com reported.

Nearly 200 publishers – a 29 percent increase from last year's pool – participated in the nomination process, which awards books in such categories as fiction, nonfiction, poetry, memoir/biography, and children/young adult. The number of entries this year was up 22 percent, from 381 to 463, according to the group's executive director, Charles Flowers.

Lambda Literary Foundation will present the 20th annual Lammys at a gala in West Hollywood in May. For a full list of the nominees, visit LambdaLiterary.org.



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TUCSON KNIGHT OWLS (T.K.O) Openly invites new members to our monthly meetings which occur on the first Saturday of every month at 12:00 pm., followed by a beer bust from 2pm to 6pm., at our home bar the Yard Dog saloon.

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GLBT-friendly AL-ANON group meets Saturdays at 11am at Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd Street, Tucson.

YOUNG AND GAY?
GLBT Youth 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 425 E. 7th Street from 3 to 4:30 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

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AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

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WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 425 E. 7th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Thursday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

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LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Ronn 968-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-6768.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay Square Dance Club, dances Tuesdays. from 6:30-9 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (Northwest of 1st Ave. and Glenn). No experience, no partner required! For more info contact David at 325-6739, or visit www.azgaydance.org

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7298.

COME EXPLORE YOUR SPIRITUALITY! St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church offers a variety of Gay and Lesbian groups and services for the spiritually minded. Come meet the Family! For more information call Debbie 579-9827 or David 323-7943.

LESBIAN/GAY WRITERS: Workshop at 7:00 p.m. third Wednesday of every month. Read and critique current projects. Network and support. For info call 325-4737.

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight Chorus, has been singing songs of pride, hope and laughter for 19 seasons. Check out our website at www.desertvoices.org, or call (520)791-9662 for information about upcoming concerts or how to join.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Wingspan Annex, 425 E. 7th Street. All alcoholics welcome.

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-6647.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPORTS TEAMS and updates on Gay Games, contract TEAM ARIZONA at their website: teamarizona.org

ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE? The Gay Young Men's Project is now looking for volunteers for the project. We need people who want to help create a positive social change for young Gay men as well as reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call 628-7223.

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 2nd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 881-4582 for more information or sign up.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GLBT, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-6436 for more info. www.tucsonglbtchamber.org

TUCSON PRIDE, INC. (Formerly Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance - TLGA) meets on the second Wednesday at 845 S. Craycroft Road at 6pm. Tucson Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and OUToberFEST. Inquiries about support groups and individual needs should be directed to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 622-3200 or visit the TPI website at www.tucsonpride.com

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 694-7063.

TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAN), a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6647.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson, Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7676.

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Jennifer at 838-3975.

THIS WAY OUT, 1/2 hour national GLBT show. 4:30 p.m. daily on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI.

THEATER / DINNER / MOVIES / ETC! Nonsmoking Lesbian Network meets every month. If you'd like to meet women 50+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment, please call or email: 888-8010 'til 9pm, or joycesmth1@aol.com. The group dines OUT! and attends shows, movies, comedy events, etc. Now in our 23rd year, 7th in Tucson.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). The Southwest's largest transgender and gender-diversity advocacy organization. Speakers and panelists available. General meetings monthly on the 1st Mondays at 7pm; Dezert Girlz (MTF Support) meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm; Dezert Boyz (FTM Support) meets 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm. Also serving partners, youth, intersex, service providers and allies. Call (520)624-1779 x26 for more info.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 602-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4805.

DESERT DOMINION, whose focus is providing information and education for people interested in the BDSM lifestyle, meets monthly for group discussion and social events. Visit our web site http://www.desertdominion.org or call (520)792-6424

SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS. Starting this February, the Tucson Rape crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender survivors of all manner of sexual assault. Interested persons please call Mirto Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number.

AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS: a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and Corrections Officers and civilians working within these agencies. Website: AAPSP.org or e-mail: AAPSP@aol.com or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-6219 (Phoenix)

GLSEN - Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30pm at Wingspan, 425 E.7th Street. 743-4800.

SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous) has 5 meetings a week in Tucson. People who wish to stop their compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520) 745-0775 for current information.

TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION. Interested? Call Kelly Quinn, (520)906-0669 and or Mona Garcia 256-8728.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED – Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 3rd Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lctucson.org write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

REVEILLE MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Thursday evenings 7-10pm at the Historic Y, corner of University Blvd. And 5th Ave. Join us!! Call 304-1758 for more info.

"OUT ON THE TRAILS - EQUESTRIAN FUN!"
Rider Club forming. Looking for women and men to ride together on the trails of Southern Arizona. Must have own horse, truck and trailer. For more info write: "Out On The Trails" P.O. Box 44045, Tucson, AZ 85733-4045

THE MAN TO MAN Social/erotic education club is the tantric men's group that offers passionate friendships, fun activities and real Tantric sex education. Marc 881-4582

LGBT Buddhist Meditation Group. Join us for two 20 minute silent sitting meditations, and reading from Buddhist Spiritual text and discussion. Bring a friend and a pillow or cushion. Takes place every Sunday from 10-11:30AM at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St. Donations accepted. Contact Maurice Grossman for more info. 323-2293.

LGBT SUPPORT GROUP FOR VICTIM/SURVIVORS OF Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Hate Crimes, Bias Acts, Harassment. Call Lori at Wingspan, 624-1779, ext. 20. Services are free.

MEN'S HIKING CLUB - A peer-run MEN's outdoor club for hiking, biking, camping, boating etc, is now up and running in the Tucson area. To join, go toSAGE-Tucson-subscribe @yahoogroups.com. See you on the trails.

MEN'S KINK DISCUSSION GROUP (Open to all who identify as male and are 18 or older) meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at Desert Dominion, 3843 E. 37th Street, Tucson, AZ. (Map available at www.desertdominion,org) For those who are kinky or just curious. No fee, contributions are appreciated, but not required.

THE BROTHERS OF THE COMPASSIONATE WAY. Pagan spiritual group for gay, bisexual, transgendered men. Box 41623, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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